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**Broadcast – Liederkranz Craft Brew & Sausage Festival**

**Grand Island, Neb.—** Grand Island Mayor Roger Steele and Chris Rosacker will present a broadcast, Thursday, August 4, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.

More than a dozen Nebraska brewers will share samplings of their crafts at the Aug. 20, 2022 Grand Island Liederkranz’ sixth annual Craft Brew & Sausage Fest, which is part of the constellation of events commerating on the 150th anniversary of the city's formation.

At the celebration, patrons will have access to around 75 total drink varieties from more than two dozen different brewers and beverage makers. It will also feature more than a dozen brat and sausage varieties from Nebraska meat lockers and butchers. To top it all off, country-rock band the "Hangin’ Cowboys" from Lincoln will serenade the crowd in the historic Liederkranz courtyard where the annual event is held.

However, the Craft Brew & Sausage Fest is more than just a bunch of beer and meat. The event aims to raise funds to preserve, restore and enhance the Liederkranz, which formed in 1870, before Grand Island was even incorporated. In commemorating the city's 150th, it is vital to honor the role that the Liederkranz played in the town's history. The club's first president became Grand Island’s first mayor. Over the years, the building was used for everything from signing treaties with Native Americans to performances and civic functions, such as the time when John F. Kennedy spoke there while campaigning for President.

But like many formerly glorious historic buildings, the Liederkranz is in need of investment. The bricked-over windows are just one of the more visible unmet building projects. Money from the Brew Fest will begin the restorations process in a fashion similar to the Grand Theater’s own rejuvenation.

Since its inaugural Brew Fest, patrons and supporters have helped raise more than $40,000, which will be first used to help restore the building's annex that overlooks its picturesque courtyard. With the Liederkranz's unparalleled private courtyard and ballroom, renovations will begin this fall after the thick of wedding season. The Planned annex renovations will include returning bricked windows to glass and the interior will undergo major restoration and enhancements.

Advanced tickets for the Liederkranz Craft Brew & Sausage Fest are available online at [www.gibrewfest.com](https://link.edgepilot.com/s/3ce17a07/qbcWDVXSwkWLgzIwr7Uvgw?u=http://www.gibrewfest.com/) for $5 off the day-of $45 ticket sale price.

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**When:** Aug. 20, 2022 **Time:** 4:00-7:00pm

**Price**: $40 -August 10th $45 August 11-20

The update will broadcast live on GITV for Spectrum customers on channel 187 and/or live stream on the link below:

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