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## Sisu Award Honors Service

The Sisu Award honors people who have served the Frederick community with determination and perseverance, living up to the best meaning of sisu. These people generally don't tout their own accomplishments, so their work often goes uncelebrated. This award is one small way we can say "thank you" for all the quiet work that goes into making our community a great place to live.

### Congratulations to our 2016 Sisu Award recipients, Dale & Connie Groop!

—Thersia Cox,  
Frederick Forward president

### About Dale & Connie Groop

Dale and Connie Groop live just outside of Frederick where they raised their three daughters. The couple raises corn and soybeans and takes an active part in community activities.

Dale grew up in Frederick and is a graduate of Frederick High School in 1960. After serving in the Air Force and working in the airline industry, he returned to take over the family farm. In 1977, he married Connie Sieh who grew up in the Bath/Aberdeen area. Through the years, the couple has been involved in community and regional activities. They have served on community groups, church boards and are part of Frederick Forward and the Frederick Historical Society. They both have served on the Community Store Board.

Dale's talents have been used to help in many ways through the years including being part of cooperative boards and he has been a member of the Lynn G. Peterson American Legion Post. Dale has been tapped to create a way to have "fire on the water" during the Finn Fest each year. He also won the title of "Miss Finn" during the first Finn Fest. He embraces his Finnish heritage and loves to learn about Finland.

Along with being part of community

groups, Connie is a graduate of the South Dakota Ag and Rural Leadership and the couple continues to take part in alumni activities, including traveling to learn about agriculture. She was publisher of the Brown County News which covered events in the Frederick, Barnard and Westport areas. She has worked for the Farm Forum, the ag publication of the Aberdeen American News. This spring, she left the newspaper and is working on writing ag stories on a freelance basis.

Three daughters have brought great blessings to their lives. All three graduated from FHS. Ellen and her husband Mike Arens have two sons, Donnie and Nathan. They live in Sioux Falls. Alisha and her husband Leeav Amar live in California and have one son, Avishai. Daughter Katy is continuing training in the medical field and lives in Frederick.

## Create your own Finnish flavors

### PANNUKAKKU (OVEN-BAKED PANCAKES)

1/4 c. butter	1 cup flour
2 cups milk	1 Tbsp. sugar
2 eggs	1/2 tsp. salt

Heat oven to 400 degrees Fahrenheit. Melt butter in 9x13 cake pan. Combine milk and eggs with rotary beater. Stir in flour, eggs, sugar, and salt. Beat until well-blended. Pour into hot pan and bake about 30 minutes. (The pancake will bubble and parts of it will rise. Bake until top and sides are golden brown.) Remove and serve with fruit and whipped cream immediately.

### BASIC MOJAKKA (STEW)

1 1/2 to 2 pounds beef stew meat  
2 Tbsp. butter  
6 cups water, broth, or a combination  
1 medium onion, chopped  
2 tsp. whole allspice  
6 medium potatoes, peeled and chopped  
2 carrots, peeled and thinly sliced  
1 large rutabaga, peeled and chopped  
1 tsp. salt

Brown meat in butter. Place meat in stock pot with water, onion and allspice. Bring to a simmer. Stir in the potatoes, carrots, rutabaga, and salt. Replace lid and simmer on medium-low until vegetables are tender (about 30 minutes).

### FINSKA PINNAR (FINNISH STICKS)

2 1/2 cups sifted flour	1/2 cup sugar
1/2 pound softened butter	1 egg
	1 egg (beaten)
1 tsp almond extract	

1/2 cup finely chopped blanched almonds, pearl sugar, raw sugar or crushed loaf sugar

Combine the flour and sugar. Cut in the butter using a pastry cutter. The mixture should form crumbs the size of a pea. Sprinkle the almond extract over the top. Knead the mixture lightly but well to distribute the flavoring. Divide the dough into eight parts. With lightly floured hands, roll the dough into long strips about the thickness of your little finger. Cut into 2-inch lengths, press the tops with your finger to flatten slightly. Place on an ungreased cookie sheet, spacing them about 1 inch apart. Brush the tops with the beaten egg, sprinkle with the almonds and pearl sugar. Bake in a 350°F oven for 12-15 minutes, or until a delicate golden brown.

# Finn Fest honors Frederick's Finnish heritage

**F**rederick is named after a Finnish man, Kustaa "Frederick" Bergstadius, who was a clerk and emigrant agent for the Chicago-Milwaukee-St. Paul Railway Company. Some records say that he never actually visited the area, but he was satisfied enough with the report of a friend, Erick Pikkarainen, that he encouraged others to move there.

Finnish immigrants were among the area's first settlers; many of them homesteaded northeast of Frederick in the area of Savo, which was named after Bergstadius' home province in Finland.

In recent years, when members of Frederick Forward, a community development group that started with the help of the Horizons program of the Northeast Area Foundation, discussed having an annual festival in the town, they decided that the festival should celebrate the town's Finnish heritage. The first Finn Fest was held in 2008.



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## FRIDAY, JUNE 24

- 5 PM **Finn Fest raffle tickets & memorabilia on sale.**  
*Frederick Area School*
- 5- 6:30 PM **Supper.** Picnic hosted by South Dakota Snow Queen Festival. *Frederick Area School*
- 5-7 PM **Mölkky Demonstration.** Learn the game and practice before the tournament Saturday! *Outside Frederick Area School*
- 6:30 PM **SISU Award Presentation and Little Miss/Mister Finn Contest.** The award honors people who have served the Frederick community with determination and perseverance, living up to the best meaning of *sisu*. Congratulations to 2016 winners Dale & Connie Groop! Then hear from youngsters in the Little Miss/Mister Finn Contest. *Frederick Area School*
- 7- 8:30 PM **Kent Messmer: Professional Comedian & Magician.**  
*Frederick Area School*
- DUSK **Juhannuskokko (Fire on the Water).** Come see this traditional Scandinavian celebration of midsummer! Bonfires, still seen throughout the Finnish countryside on Midsummer's Eve, were originally burned to keep away witches or evil spirits. The fire makes an impressive reflection on the water; join in a traditional bonfire-side song! *Simmons Park\**
- 10 PM **Sky Lantern Parade.** Lanterns \$5 each. *Simmons Park\**
- DARK **Fireworks by Finnish Line Fireworks.** Across the Maple River, *Simmons Park\**

## SATURDAY, JUNE 25

- 7:30 AM **Registration for 5K Road Race & Fun Walk.** Race begins at 8 AM. \$20 fee includes a T-shirt. Contact Janelle Barondeau at 290-3137 with questions.  
*Frederick Area School*
- 8-10 AM **Pancake Breakfast.** Finnish pancakes available.  
*Frederick Area School*
- 8-10 AM **Bake Sale.** *Frederick Area School*
- 9 AM- 4 PM **Souvenir Sales & Silent Auction.** Museum display; sale of Frederick and Finn Fest souvenirs. Stop by for coffee and cookies. *Frederick Museum, Main Street*
- 9 AM- 4 PM **Flea Market.** *Community Center*
- 9:30 AM- 3 PM **Wiffle® Ball Tournament.** Register online with teams of 4. Cost \$25/player includes T-Shirt. Limited to first 8 team to register. *Main Street, across from Museum.*
- 10:30 AM- 1:30 PM **Caramel Rolls and Pork Sandwiches.** *Community Store*
- 10:30 AM- NOON **Root Beer Floats.** Served in front of the Emma Burnham Public Library
- 11 AM **Parade.** Led by 2016 Sisu Award honorees Dale & Connie Groop. Free registration at [finnfest.net](http://finnfest.net). *Main Street; line up at Frederick Elevator*

Bring a *lawn chair* to events in the park!

\* In case of inclement weather, these events will be held on Saturday.

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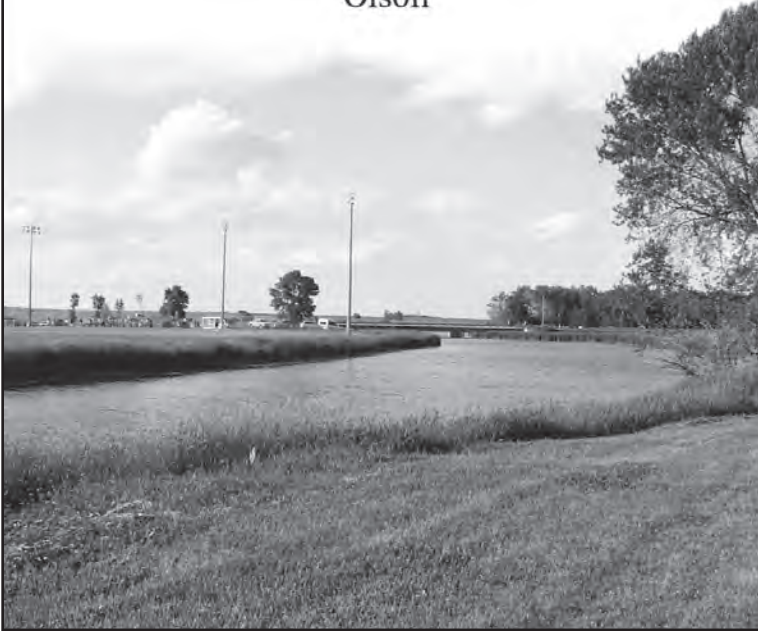
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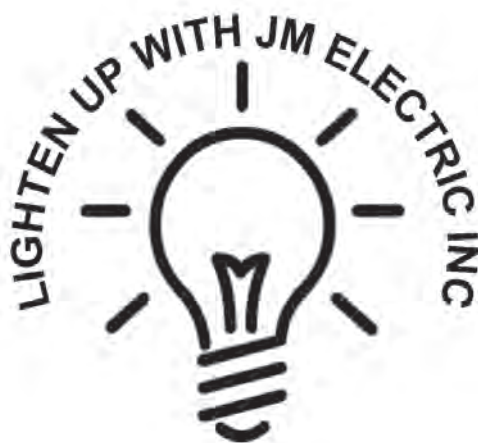
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- 11 AM-7 PM **Craft & Vendor Show.** *Simmons Park*
- 11 AM-7 PM **Food Vendors.** *Simmons Park*
- NOON-2 PM **Mölkky Tournament (Finnish stick-throwing game).** Frederick is an official site of the USA Mölkky Tour. Win here for a chance to compete in the national tournament! No experience necessary; no fee to enter. *Simmons Park*
- 1 PM **Music by Kurt Smith.** *Bandstand at Simmons Park*
- 2 PM **Finnish Competitions.** *Saappaanheitto* (Boot Toss), *Kännykänheitto* (Cell Phone Toss) and *Eukonkanto* (Wife-Carrying Contest). Win wife's weight in beer and \$500 reimbursement to attend North American Wife Carrying Contest in Newry, Maine! (Officially Sanctioned event of the North American Wife Carrying Contest) Preregistration preferred, but not required. *Simmons Park*
- 3:45- 8:30 PM **Wiffle® Ball Tournament Finals.** *Main Street, across from Museum.*
- 4- 6 PM **FINGO (Finnish Bingo).** *Simmons Park*
- 9 PM- 12 AM **Dueling Duo** - Impressive Vegas quality Dueling Pianos playing all your favorites. \$5 Advance/\$10 Door. *Titan's Bar and Grill*

## SUNDAY, JUNE 26

- 10 AM **Church Service.** Including Finnish traditions. *Savo Church*
- 11 AM **Mojakka (stew) with Finn Bread.** *Savo Hall, across from Savo church*
- 1 PM **India Bender.** Singer/Songwriter. *Savo Hall*



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The wife-carrying competition, or *eukonkanto*, which tests both a couple's physical condition and sense of humor, has its roots in the stories of a robber who would steal girls from neighboring villages. In the contest, men can carry their wives however they like, but they must take care not to drop them, or they will have seconds added to their time! The fastest wife-carrying couple receives the equivalent of the wife's weight in beer.

In the boot toss, or *saappaanheitto*, contestants try to throw their boots as far as they can. They can grip the boot however they like, but the leg of the boot must be straight while it is in the air. We'll have some "official" rubber boots on hand for the contest! Nearly all ages can participate.

And if you've ever had the urge to chuck your cell phone, join us for *kännykänheitto*.

You can also try the Finnish version of



"Dance Dance Revolution." It's *tikkuristi*, a dance done over two crossed sticks. The music gets faster, and the goal is keeping the dancing going without touching the sticks. Last one still dancing wins!

*Kubb* and *mölky*, both involving throwing pieces of wood, are great strategy games for all ages. This year, Frederick is an official site for the USA Mölky Tour! Read more on page FF7.

Come join the fun!



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- 2009 – Marty & Jen Morlock
- 2010 – Marty & Jen Morlock
- 2011 – Tim & Lisa Kauk
- 2012 – Wyatt Sumption & Amanda Kallas
- 2013 – Brooke Haas & Ty Sumption
- 2014 – Don & Trista Nickelson
- 2015 – No contest held



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**A PLACE TO PICNIC:** Simmons Park, West Main Street; picnic tables as well as several old stone grills.

**A CUP OF COFFEE AND A SNACK:** Community Store, 312 Main St., 329-2375

**A MEAL:** Titans Bar & Grill, 411 Main St., 329-2185; Elm Lake Resort, (605) 358-8511, 37594 102nd St; The Shed, in Westport, 25 Brown Co 10, Westport, 225-9751

**A LITTLE RECREATION:** Simmons Park, West Main Street, features children's playground equipment, a sand volleyball court, and plenty of space to toss a Frisbee. (Please keep dogs away from areas where children might play, and clean up after pets.) The dock provides a safe place for fishing. Fishing and boating are also available at Elm Lake, about 12 miles northwest of Frederick.

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**Campbell Trading Post**, one of the earliest trading establishments in the area

**Finnish Apostolic Lutheran Church**, one of the oldest and best preserved examples of 19th-century Apostolic Lutheran pioneer settlements in South Dakota

**Geranen farm**, an example of a Finnish-American farm settlement  
**Marttila-Pettingel and Gorder General Merchandise Store**, founded in 1906  
**Savo Hall-Finnish National Society Hall**, only remaining Finnish hall in S.D.

**Sod House**, built in 2007 as an example of pioneer settlements  
**Fylpaa Mercantile Building**, the site of a general store and later the home of the Masons; being renovated by the Frederick Area Historical Society

## Study up on your bird calls.

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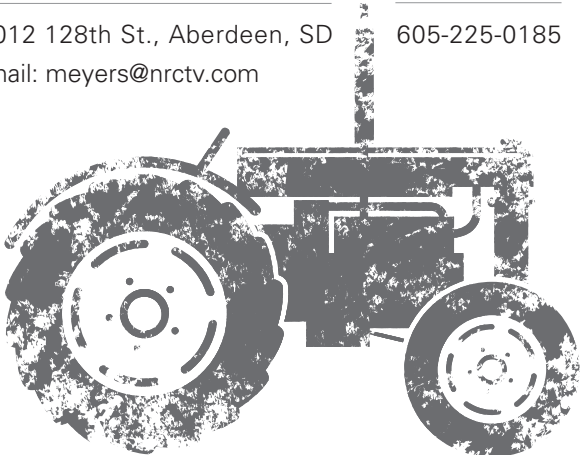
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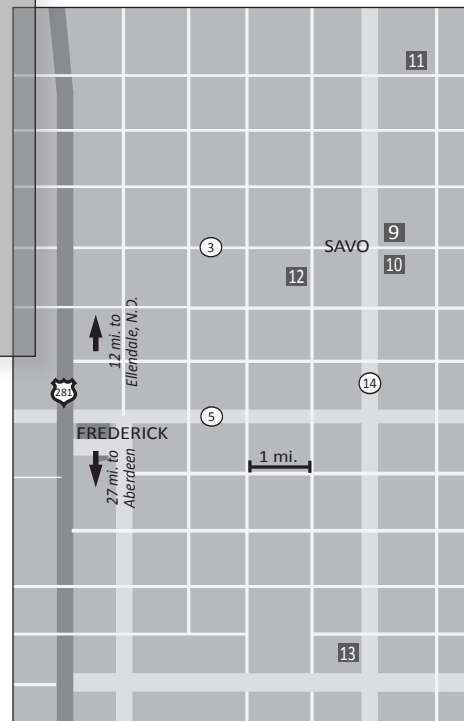


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| <b>1</b> Simmons Park          | <b>8</b> Kick-N-K Motocross                                |
| <b>2</b> Frederick Area Museum | <b>9</b> Savo Hall   |
| <b>3</b> Main Street Station   | <b>10</b> Savo Church                                      |
| <b>4</b> Community Center      | <b>11</b> Finnish Apostolic Church and North Savo Cemetery |
| <b>5</b> First National Bank   | <b>12</b> South Savo Cemetery                              |
| <b>6</b> Community Store       | <b>13</b> Aurland United Norwegian Church                  |
| <b>7</b> Frederick Area School |  |

**Savo Church and Hall** are located at the intersection of Brown County roads 3 and 14.

A brochure for a self-guided tour of Savo's Finnish Community is available at the museum.

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