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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.

**"IT IS A PRIVILEGE TO RECOGNIZE KEVIN BARTON AS THE 2019 SISU HONOREE."**

—*Krysti Mikkonen,*  
*Frederick Forward President*

## ABOUT KEVIN BARTON

All volunteer firefighters have SISU. For his extra efforts, Kevin Barton for his time and efforts is recognized as this year's SISU honoree. Kevin Barton started as a firefighter serving the Frederick area in the fall of 2001. In 2012 he became fire chief of the all-volunteer squad.

The number of volunteers has increased significantly since Kevin took over leadership. When asked if there was a key to getting people involved he said he found that if he shared knowledge, the volunteers became more involved and driven with the purpose. Those good volunteers brought in more good people. Barton said, 'Each one (volunteer) has specific talents that enhance our fire department. Very proud to know every single one of them. Some of them I may have never got to interact with if I didn't get know them down at the station.'

In addition to the increased number and commitment of volunteer firefighters, other changes under Kevin's leadership include:

- In 2013 a used F350 4 door was purchased and one of our volunteers found a tank unit to install on it.
- We got a UTV side by side in 2014
- A public vote passed for the taxing for an official fire district in Jan 2016
- A new #1 engine bought with taxing district funds was delivered in December 2016.
- 2017 a used Ford F550 was purchased for wildland fires.
- A used UTV to help with wildland fires so we can get into places where bigger trucks can't go was purchased in 2018.
- We now have a truck in Barnard for fire fighters who live in that area
- We also have a truck at Elm lake with a crew of fighters in their area.

Kevin's commitment to the Frederick Fire Area Fire and Rescue isn't his only volunteer gig. He's also been an active member of

the Elm Valley Community Club since 1995. He has been a board member of the Ellendale Country Club for 9 years and put in numerous volunteer hours improving aspects of the course. Kevin also served as a board member and past President of the Brown County Fire Chiefs Association since 2007.

What Kevin loves most about his hometown is the small town atmosphere and understanding public. Some communities have tried and failed to pass a fire district and the Frederick Community supported the effort by quite a large margin. That kind of support makes it easier to want to stay committed to the volunteer effort.

When asked what inspires Kevin to continue on as a volunteer he answered, "Serving with good people who help and inspire me as a person in all the volunteer organizations, especially the men and women of both the fire & rescue services that we offer to the community of Frederick."

He added Our EMS squad is top notch. We're able to transport and provide basic life support for our community. The volunteer rescue squad is under the direction of Firefighter/EMT Director David Losure.

## PAST SISU AWARD WINNERS

2018 – STEPHANIE SUMPTION

2017 – RICHARD OSBORN & LOLA GELLING

2016 – CONNIE & DALE GROOP

2015 – SCOTT CAMPBELL

2014 – JIM & KAY DUMIRE

2013 – BOB & DOROTHY SMITH

From 2009-12, people of Finnish descent were selected and honored as Finn Fest Royalty. The Sisu Award, which honors outstanding community service regardless of descent, was first given in 2013.

## FINN FEST ROYALTY

2012 – CLEM BRAA & MERLON KOTILA

2011 – BOB & VALERIE NIXON

2010 – JOHN & ANNIKKI MARTTILA

2009 – PAT & RAY MIKKONEN



# Finn Fest honors Frederick's Finnish heritage

Frederick 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 Pikkariainen, 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.

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



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# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

## FRIDAY, JUNE 21

9 PM	<b>MÖLKKY OPEN PRACTICE.</b> Learn the game & practice for Saturday's tournament! <i>Simmons Park</i>
9:45 PM	<b>FIRE ON THE WATER, JUHANNUSKOKKO.</b> <i>Maple River, Simmons Park</i>
10:00 PM	<b>SKY LANTERN PARADE.</b> Watch the sky light up with beautiful floating lanterns. (\$3-\$5 each) Make a wish, send a message and let it go! <i>Simmons Park</i>
10:15 PM	<b>FIREWORKS.</b> <i>Simmons Park</i>

## SATURDAY, JUNE 22

7:30 AM	<b>5K ROAD RACE REGISTRATION.</b> Race begins at 8 AM. Sponsored by FHS Cross Country Team Questions? Contact Janelle Barondeau at 290-3137. <i>Frederick Area School</i>
8 AM - 3 PM	<b>CRAFT &amp; VENDOR SHOW.</b> If you're interested in being a craft or food vendor register online. <i>Frederick Area School</i>
8 AM	<b>5K ROAD RACE.</b> Race begins. <i>Frederick Area School</i>

8 AM - 10:30 AM	<b>PANCAKE BREAKFAST.</b> Finnish and traditional Pancakes, Sausage & Biscuits & Gravy sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. Free Will Offering. <i>Frederick Area School</i>
8 AM - 10 AM	<b>BAKE SALE.</b> Sponsored by Frederick Area Historical Society. <i>Frederick Area School</i>
8 AM - 10 AM	<b>FINN FEST SOUVENIR SALES.</b> Display throughout the day. Museum display; sale of Frederick and Finn Fest souvenirs. Stop by for coffee & cookies. <i>Frederick Museum</i>
10:30 AM - 1:30 PM	<b>CARAMEL ROLLS, BBQ, &amp; BRATS.</b> <i>Community Store</i>
10:30 AM - 12 PM	<b>ROOT BEER FLOATS.</b> <i>Emma Burnham Library</i>
10:30 AM - 12 PM	<b>CAR SHOW REGISTRATION.</b> <i>East side of Fylpaa Building - Museum on Main Street</i>
10:30 AM - 1:30 PM	<b>CAR SHOW.</b> All entries welcome to join the parade then park for show! Prizes Include: Best of Show – People's Choice – Motorcycle – Miscellaneous (tractors, etc...) – Highschool Class (Student 18 under & MUST own the car). <i>Main Street</i>
12 PM	<b>PARADE.</b> Free registration at finnfest.net. Lineup starts at 11:15 AM.
1 PM - 5 PM	<b>INFLATABLE GAMES.</b> Sponsored by the Elm Valley Men's Community Club. <i>Simmons Park</i>

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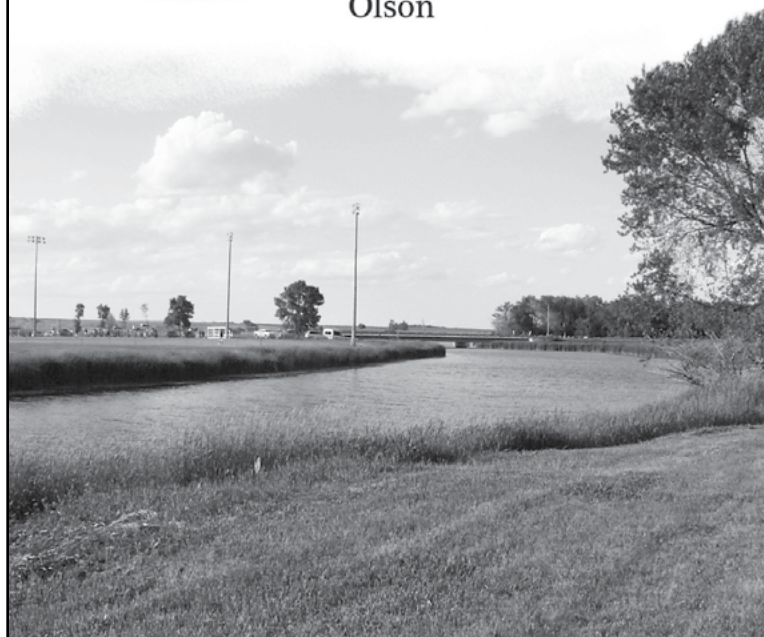
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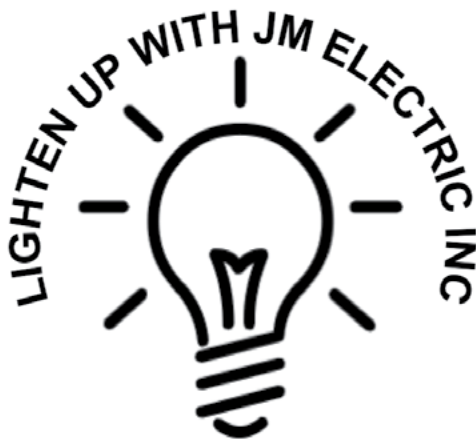
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- 1 PM** **MÖLKKY TOURNAMENT** (Finnish stick-throwing game). Fun to Play & Easy to Learn. No fee to enter. Trophies for 1st - 3rd place! *Simmons Park*
- 2 PM - 5 PM** **FINNISH COMPETITIVE GAMES.** Boot Toss, Cell Phone Toss and Midwest Wife-Carrying Championship. Preregistration preferred, but not required; t-shirts for wife carrying not guaranteed for those not preregistered. *Simmons Park*
- 5 PM-7 PM** **PICNIC.** Hosted by South Dakota Snow Queen Festival. Free will offering. *Frederick Area School*
- 7 PM** **SISU CEREMONY.** This includes the SISU Award Presentation and Little Miss/Mister Finn Contest. *Frederick Area School*
- 6:30 PM-8:30 PM** **KEVIN HORNER - VENTRILOQUIST/MAGIC/COMEDIAN.** *Frederick Area School*
- 9 PM-12 AM** **ROCK IT MAN DUELING PIANOS.** Cost \$15/person in advance or \$20/person at door. All tips & funds raised by Dueling Pianos are being donated back to the Community. *Main Street*

## SUNDAY, JUNE 23

- 10 AM** **CHURCH SERVICE.** *Savo Church*
- 11:30 PM** **FELLOWSHIP & LUNCH.** Mjokka Stew, Finn Bread. Free will donation.

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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 *mölkky*, both involving throwing pieces of wood, are great strategy games for all ages. This year, Frederick is an official site for the USA Mölkky Tour!

Come join the fun!



## PAST EUKONKANTO WINNERS

2008 – Marty & Jen Morlock  
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 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  
 2016 – Don & Trista Nickelson  
 2017 – Don & Trista Nickelson  
 2018 – XXX



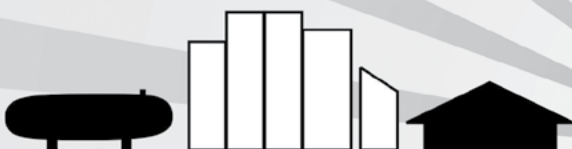
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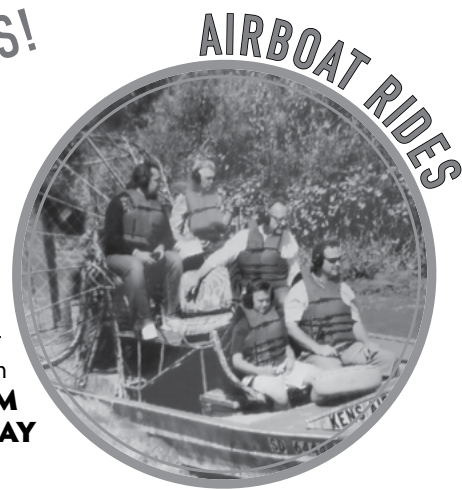
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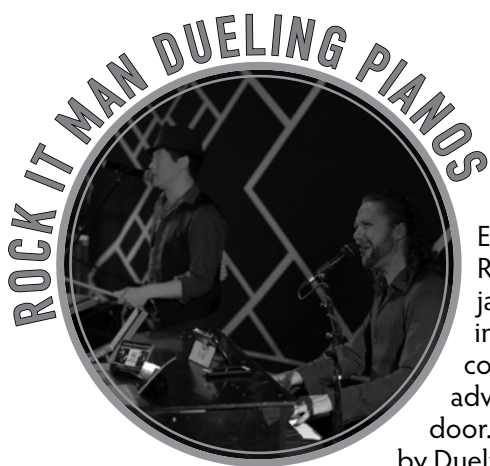


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**A CUP OF COFFEE AND A SNACK:** Community Store, 312 Main St., 329-2375

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**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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**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

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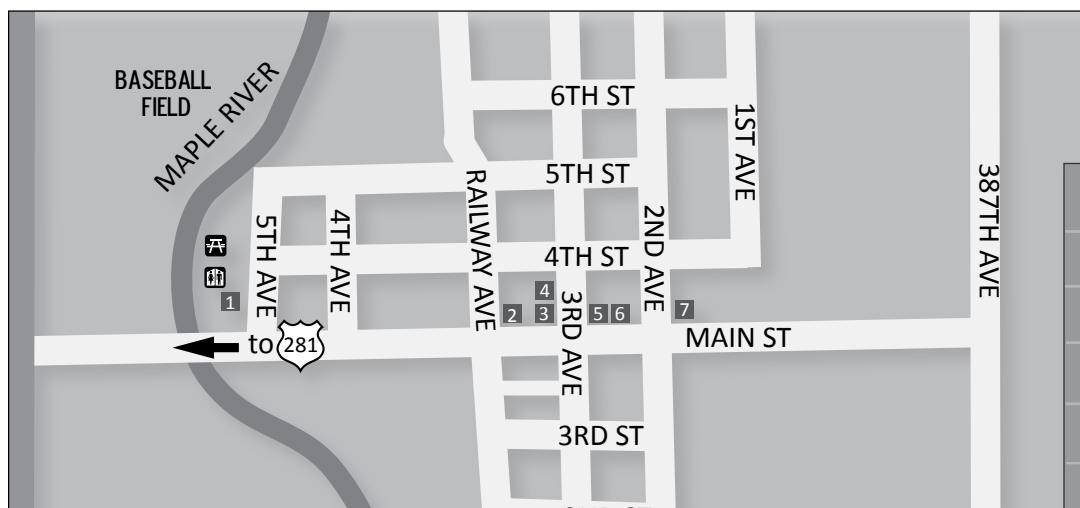
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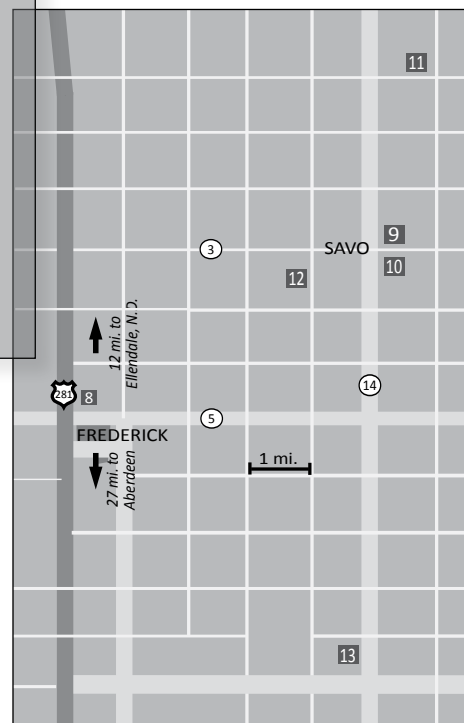


## FINN FEST MAP

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| 2 Frederick Area Museum | 9 Savo Hall                                       |
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| 4 Community Center      | 11 Finnish Apostolic Church & North Savo Cemetery |
| 5 First National Bank   | 12 South Savo Cemetery                            |
| 6 Community Store       | 13 Aurland United Norwegian Church                |
| 7 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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