

SISTERS SHOW POTATO PICKING PROWESS AT ELKS STREETFAIR



As part of the Elks' Crown of Maine Balloonfest Streetfair on August 22, 2019, the Presque Isle Elks hosted a potato-picking contest for youth, with two divisions, under 16 and under 10. In the under 16 division, two sisters, Kealy Britton, age 12, and Mataya Pinette, age 14, daughters of Shane Wilkins and Carla Sawyer, proved their potato picking prowess, winning first and second place respectively. Their younger brother, Eason Britton, won the second-place trophy in the under 10 division.

Shown below are three of the top four potato pickers. First row from left to right, Moe Collins, director of the Presque Isle Elks; Kealy Britton, winner in the under 16 division; Eason Britton, second place in the under 10 division; and Mataya Pinette, second place in the under 16 division. In the second row, Carla Sawyer and Shane Wilkins, parents of the winners, and Kevin Sjoberg, potato-picking contest director.



The winner in the under 10 division was Ben Chartier. Ben's young brothers, Sam, age 7, and Micah, age 5, combined as a two-person team for the best time in the competition.

In the potato-picking contest, contestants were presented with a ten-foot row of potatoes totaling 100 pounds. The time each contestant required to pick the ten-foot row of potatoes into a basket to be poured into a barrel until all of the potatoes had been placed into the barrel was clocked with a stopwatch, with winners being determined on best times.