

Officer: 'Next time we do this, we'll beat them'

Continued from A1

"The last truck was lighter, but we went 3/10ths of a second faster today," said Murray, who is involved in numerous Special Olympics events.

Since then, Auburn and Attica have turned the truck pull battle into a good-natured rivalry for a good cause, according to ACF corrections officer Mike Ramsey.

"We just got beat by better team today, in Attica," he said. "They were able to get us. We'll get them next time. Next time we do this, we'll beat them. It goes back and forth with Attica."

ACF corrections officer Craig Kimak said anybody can put a team together and participate in the next big pull event.

In August, Auburn prison guards will participate in a contest to benefit charity by pulling a 75,500 pound C-130 Hercules

airlift plane.

Ramsey said for teams — private, police, fire department teams — to contact Murray at the prison.

"Mike Murray is real active in the community and a real good guy and he puts a lot of this stuff together," he said. "We'd like to get more jails around the area to participate, but it's not just open to jails. All this stuff goes to Special Olympics."

Kimak said these events aren't just for power lifters. All though Auburn's team members appeared to average well over 200 pounds, its all about teamwork.

"(We're) not the biggest guys," he said. "Some of us are pretty small compared to other teams, but we got a lot of heart."

To reach Staff Writer Joey West, call 253-5311, ext. 239.



Matthew Hinton / Staff Photographer
Children tug hard, trying to move a 44,120-pound fire truck at Saturday's Auburn Correctional Facility Fire Truck Pull in Auburn. Brian Henry, 11, right, Mike Murray II, 7, Ryan Kirkpatrick, 5, Nick Sherman, 12, and Meghan Murray, 11, far left, were helped out by adults and several other youngsters in successfully getting the truck to move.