

# Pulling together for a cause



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Corrections officers Lauren Hailston, left, Jamie Cordway, and Mike Murray lead the Auburn Correctional Facility's 10-man truck pull team in trying to move a Sennett fire truck at Saturday's ACF Fire Truck Pull, staged to benefit New York State Special Olympics. A member of the state Special Olympics board, helped organize the event at the ACF's Recreation and Training Center on Franklin Street. The team pulled the 44,120-pound truck 20 feet in 8.25 seconds, coming in second to Attica Correctional Facility's team.

## ► Despite low turnout for truck pull, Special Olympics still a big winner

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**SENNETT** — It wasn't the discomfort of enduring yet another cool, rainy Saturday, nor the strain of a stressful week of lockdowns at Auburn Correctional Facility that had 10 local corrections officers stewing in mud and water Saturday.

Instead, what had these men — many of whom look as if they could be NFL middle linebackers or offensive guards — in gloomy moods was defeat at the hands of their rivals from the Attica Correctional Facility.

Attica's 10-man team pulled a 44,120-pound fire truck 20 feet in better time than Auburn's team did, winning Saturday's

fire-truck pull staged to benefit New York Special Olympic athletes at ACF's training center on Franklin Street.

Auburn and Attica were the only two teams to show up for the event.

"It could have been better, but a lot of the teams didn't show up because of the weather," said ACF Sgt. Mike Murray.

Attica's corrections officers laid back on the rope and pulled the Sennett Volunteer Fire Department tower ladder truck 20 feet in 8.028 seconds, best-

ing Auburn's best pull in 8.25 seconds.

Both teams had 10 men pulling the truck two times.

Attica's first pull was in 8.028 seconds. Following Auburn's officers pulled the truck the 20 feet in 8.3 seconds. Then Attica pulled the winning time.

### Next time

Last month in Buffalo, another charity truck pull, Auburn beat Attica — a victory over other teams who participated. Please see OFFICIALS