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FACULTY VS. THE FUZZ BASKETBALL GAME RAISES OVER \$2,200 FOR ILLINOIS SPECIAL OLYMPICS

The second annual event was kicked off by recognizing the players from the Illinois Valley Industries Redskins Special Olympics basketball team. "They're the reason we do these events and raise money for Illinois Special Olympics, said Chief Brent Dite. The money we raise helps the athletes compete, while an event like this puts a smile on all their faces."

Morris Police Officer Derek Zumbahlen outscored Morris Community High School Superintendent Pat Halloran 13-11 in the 3-point contest held just prior to the tip off, while the Faculty beat The Fuzz 73-65 in the game. This is the second consecutive win for the Faculty.

The special half-time free-throw event, sponsored by Boombah Sports Gear was won by Austin Conrod of Saratoga School. All the feeder schools to M.C.H.S. (Saratoga School, Shabbona Middle School, Nettle Creek School, and Immaculate Conception School) select one boy and one girl to represent their school in free throw contest. Each representative received a Morris Police water bottle. The representatives selected from each school were:

Saratoga School: Austin Conrod and Amber Chlebek
Shabbona Middle School: Jacob Bradley and Ashley Gibson
Nettle Creek School: Sam Allen and Savannah Carter
I.C.S.: Matt Bernickus and Leah Lines

Savannah Carter won the girls competition while Austin Conrod won the boys competition. They each received a Morris Redskin T-Shirt courtesy of Boombah Sports Gear.

In the Finals Austin Conrod made 9 out of 10 free throws to beat Savannah Carter, who made 7 out of 10. Conrod received a Morris Redskin hooded sweatshirt courtesy of Boombah Sports Gear.



The Morris Police Department would like to thank the sponsors for the event, Boombah Sports Gear, The Turf Team, Standard Bank, and Morris Community High School. “I can’t thank Superintendent Halloran and his staff enough for what they do for this event, added Chief Dite. In addition to their players donating money, they obtain the many volunteers needed to put on this special event. They even get the band to play at the event, which makes for a great atmosphere.”

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