

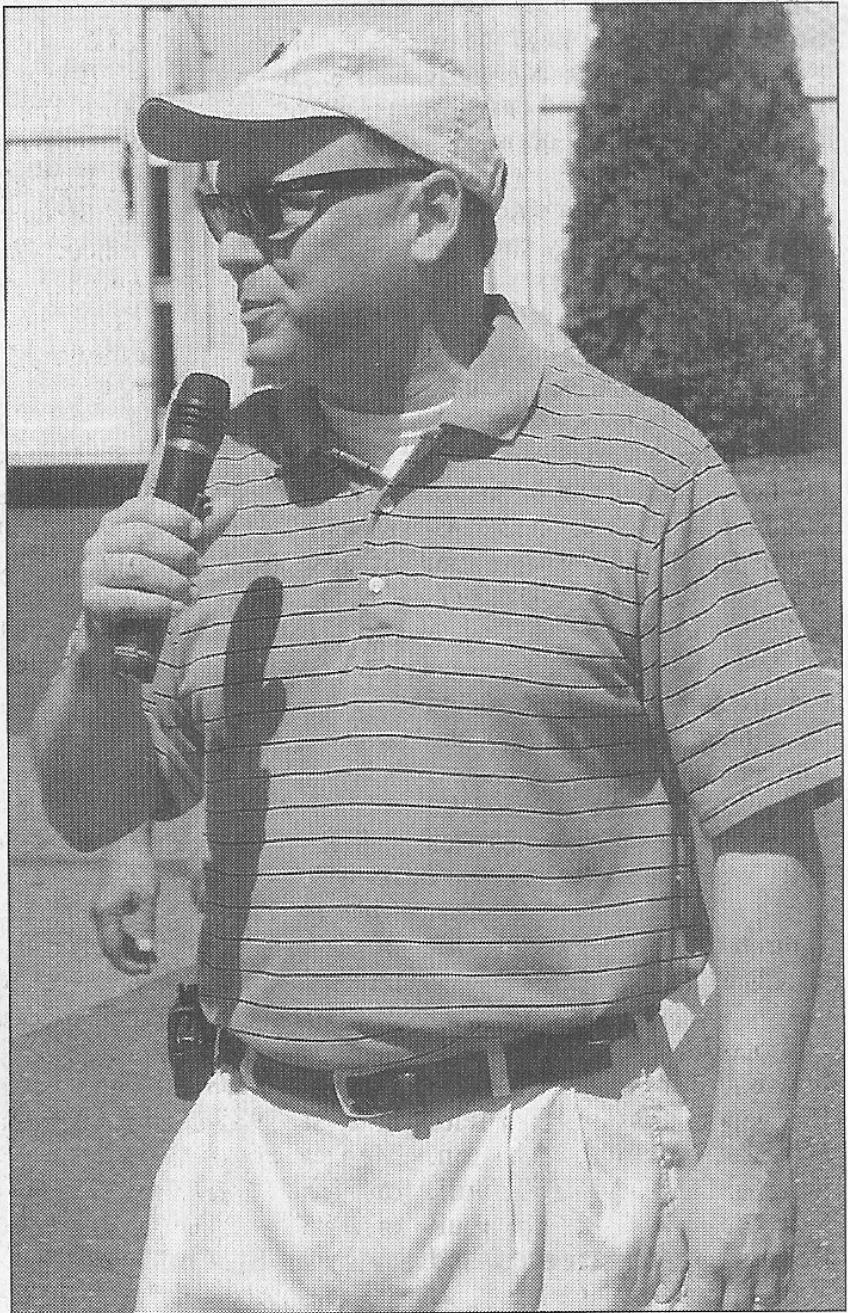
# Proceeds from Mayor's Golf donated to local organizations

Mayor John A. Harkins has announced the first round of grant recipients from the Mayor's Annual Charity Golf Tournament.

The tournament raised more than \$30,000 for charitable causes, with the proceeds managed and disbursed to Stratford non-profits by Harkins and the Stratford Community Fund.

Recipients are: Stratford YMCA, \$2,500; Sterling House Community Center, \$2,500; Disability Resource Center, \$2,500; Stratford Visiting Nurse Association, \$2,500; Emerge, Inc., \$2,500; Perry House, \$2,500; South End Community Center, \$2,500; Stratford Community Fund, \$2,500; and the Stratford Public Schools Mentoring Program, \$1,000.

"Even in these difficult times, area residents and business-owners all generously pitched in to help non-profit and charitable organizations that many in this community rely upon," Harkins said. "My thanks go to all of those who donated to this event. I would also especially like to thank the Stratford Community Fund, which volunteered to manage the proceeds account and help recommend and process disbursements to grant recipients. I look forward to making this a recurring event throughout my term as mayor."



Mayor John A. Harkins addresses golfers before the annual Mayor's Golf Tournament.

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