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Nolan Golter chosen as 2012 city employee of year

He's willing to help out in any department when needed and is competent, courteous, dependable, cheerful, loyal and prompt.

"I never hear him complaining about whichever employee happens to be gone that day. He does his job and minds his own."

Described as easy to get along with, Nolan Golter can also "build anything."

A hard worker who takes pride in his work, Golter doesn't complain about anything or anyone.

With such accolades voiced by city employees, it's no wonder Golter was chosen as the 2012 city employee of the year.

Golter said he was excited when he heard of the honor through a text message.

On the evening of the Jan. 25 banquet, Golter was in Lincoln.

"When I got the message, I was wishing I'd waited a day to go to Lincoln," he said.

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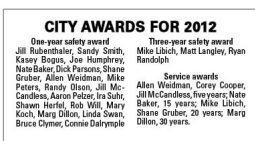
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As city mechanic, Golter keeps all the equipment maintained and in operation.

“Anything comes up,” he explained, “from simple service work like changing oil to something that completely breaks down.”

Last summer, an engine blew on one of the city tractors that needed to be rebuilt.



His job is becoming more challenging, he said, as equipment becomes more computerized and some parts can only be accessed through dealers.

In addition to fixing equipment, Golter helps out in other departments which keeps his job from getting monotonous, he said.

“It could be anything from snow removal to patching streets,” he said.

After graduating from Gothenburg High School in 1997, Golter attended Mid-Plains Community College in North Platte and received an associate’s degree in automotive technology.

Golter then moved to Lincoln where he worked as a mechanic for T.O. Haas Tire & Auto for five years before moving back to Gothenburg to help his brother-in-law, Keith Maline, through a harvest season.

“I didn’t care for city life,” Golter said.

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The 34-year-old was then hired as a mechanic at Dawson Tire & Service where worked until 2006 when he was hired by the city.

Each day, Golter said he tries to bring a positive attitude to his job.

Asked what he would like the public to know about him or his job, he said residents need to be mindful of city workers when they are doing street work.

“They need to stay out of the way, be more aware and proceed slowly,” he said.

Golter is married to Traci Golter, a stay-at-home mom who mows the city cemetery in the summer.

The couple has three children: Kaine, 17; Jourdin, 12; and Jacey, 10.

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