

She likes working outdoors

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For Maggie Foley, working for the City of Norton started as just a summer job in 2001, before her senior year at Norton Community High School started. When she came back to Norton after college, she began working for the city full-time, in the parks and cemetery department.

"I like working outside," said Miss Foley. "And I like learning."

She can operate a street sweeper, back hoe, bucket truck — which is her favorite — and the digger truck by remote, which can be used to dig holes for posts.

It took Miss Foley a couple of months to study and test for her Commercial Driver's License, and she took the test for it in the digger truck.

"I enjoy mowing the grass and rebuilding ball fields. We tear out the grass, install a sprinkler system and lay down new sod," she said. "Last summer, we finished the Doug Ward baseball field."

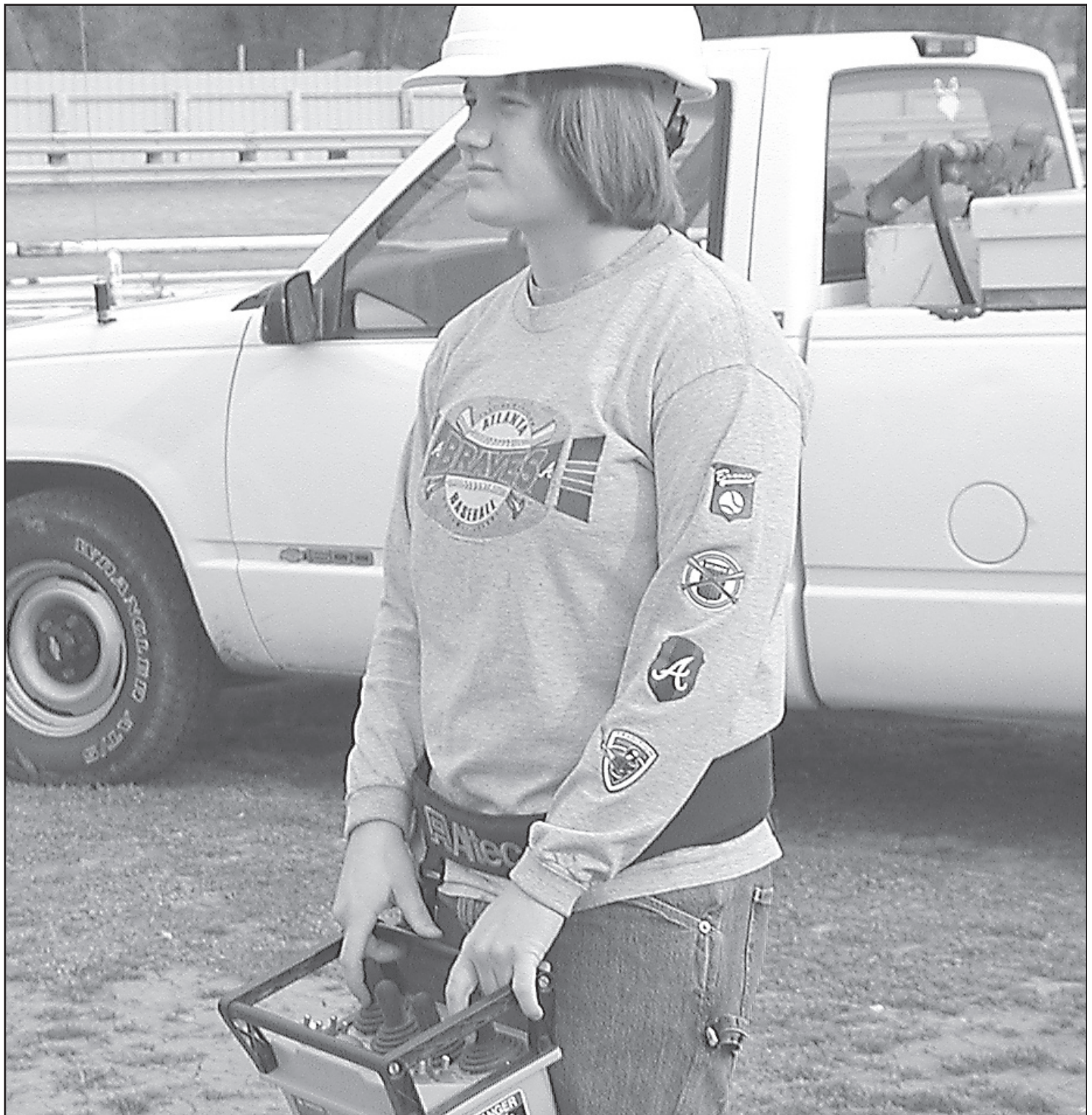
In the winter, when there isn't so much grass to mow, she paints bleachers, fixes equipment and picks up tree limbs.

In her spare time, she likes to be with her nieces, coach T-ball, play softball and ride her new Harley motorcycle.

She graduated from Kansas State University in 2006 with a degree in criminology and American ethnic studies, and hopes one day to get a job in that field.

"Right now, I'm enjoying this job," she said.

Steve Cole, her supervisor, said, "She's good help and we're glad to have her. She's dependable and keeps the summer crews going real well."



Maggie Foley works for the City of Norton. She can run a digger truck by remote and drive a dump truck and bucket truck.

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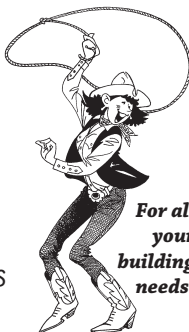


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