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Dress pants and nice shoes are standard attire for church services.

Bob Golter generally adds a tie only if it's a special occasion.

That's because for the past 37 years, Golter has donned a tie at work in the Brady bank nearly every day except for high school game days when he supports the Eagles by wearing red and black.

Starting this week, the ties might come out for church more often.

After watching the banking business evolve from miles of paper trail to totally digital transactions, Golter is retiring.

His daily routine is about to drastically change, including the tie.

After graduating from Brady High School in 1967, Golter moved to Lincoln where he earned a bachelor of science degree in agriculture from the University of Nebraska.

"I thought when I went off to college that I wanted to be a game warden or something like that," Golter said.

The job market in that area wasn't good at the time so he studied agriculture instead.

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When he graduated in 1971, he and his wife Susan, also a BHS graduate, moved back home.

Golter worked for Central Nebraska Public Power and Irrigation District and his wife ironically took a position in the Brady bank.

A year later when the couple moved back to Lincoln. Golter accepted a job in the horticulture department at UNL and Susan was hired by National Bank of Commerce.

Missing home, the Golters came back to Brady in early 1973 and both began working at the bank.

Golter started at the bottom of the ladder as a teller before becoming a loan officer in 1975.

“So much has changed,” Golter said. “I used to type out my loans on a manual typewriter and send all those checks back to people in their statements.”

Now nearly all of the banking processes are computerized.

The rules and regulations in the banking industry have changed drastically as well.

“Things are being updated all the time,” Golter said. “We have state examiners and federal examiners and auditors checking up on us all the time.”

Bank employees also have regular training sessions within the bank and at outside seminars.

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“There’s nothing but change in our world today,” Golter said.

Gothenburg State Bank took over the private holdings of the Brady bank in 1999 and Golter was named branch officer.

That certainly was not the beginning of Golter’s position as a central figure of the community.

For nearly 30 years, Golter served on the Brady Village Board.

He’s also a member of the Brady Development Committee, financial officer for the Brady Rural Health Clinic and Brady Cemetery board member in addition to other positions he holds in his North Platte church.

“I like to be involved in the community,” he said, “but I’m just one person.”

Bob and Susan both have deep Brady roots and strong ties to their families which keep them firmly planted in this small town.

“We’re not going anywhere,” he said.

Although such a drastic change in routine seems a little scary for Golter right now, he is looking forward to

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