## Nuzums receive windbreak award

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Kirk Nuzum and family were chosen to receive the 2007 Kansas Bankers Association Windbreak Award.

The Nuzums, who live just north of Norton off of Road W-1, planted their windbreak in the spring of 2002. The windbreak is an eighth of a mile long and has about 300 eastern red cedar planted in two rows.

Mr. Nuzum said they planted the windbreak not only for wind protection, but also for beautification. The trees are about 150 feet north of their house, he said. Also, they keep the snow drifts from coming in the yard.

"It's been doing really well," he said. "I think we've only lost a couple of trees in the last five years. We've replanted a few."

Mr. Nuzum said the trees have their own drip

'We watered real heavy for the first four years," he said. "Last year, we didn't water



Kirk and Misty Nuzum are being honored for their windbreak at the Norton County Conservation District's annual meet-

ing on Saturday, Jan. 19, beginning at 6:30 p.m. -Telegram photo by Veronica Monier

as much to see how they'd do. I'm no expert, but I think they did pretty good. They're fairly healthy.'

The trees, he said, had a growth spurt last year, shooting up several feet.

Mr. Nuzum said they had a machine to put in the weed barrier, but he, his wife Misty, and their son, Bradley, planted the trees by hand.

"It had to have been the dustiest day of the year," he said.

They received a lot of good information from the Norton County Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and they used the CRP program to help pay for the windbreak, using

"We're anxious to see what another five or ten years will do to it," Mr. Nuzum said.

Come help honor the Nuzums at the Norton County Conservation District's annual meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 19 at the Norton American Legion.











Best wishes on your continued success and conservation efforts.

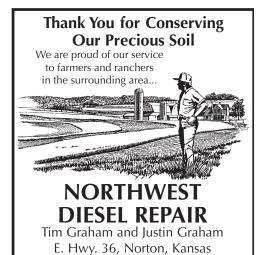


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