

Father, son win for trees

Windbreak award goes to the Tubbses

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One of Thomas County's best kept secrets is the fully mature windbreak surrounding the T and T farmstead about 12 miles northwest of Levant which belongs to Gerald Tubbs Jr.

The windbreak has won Tubbs the distinction of being named the 2008 winner of the Thomas County Conservation Windbreak Award.

Four rows of eastern pines stand like giant sentinels, protecting the manicured farmstead from the destructive elements of nature.

The windbreak, Tubbs said, was the vision of his father, Gerald Tubbs Sr., and was planted in the early 1970s.

The trees came from the old federal Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service for 75 cents each. The towering pines, dug from pastures in eastern Kansas, were 12 inches tall and had a small ball of

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It takes a long time to grow a tree! Gerald Tubbs Jr. and his father, Gerald Tubbs Sr., can be proud of the living monument of trees that won the 2008 Conservation Windbreak Award. Both Tubbses can take credit for the health of the windbreak at the family farmstead north of Levant.



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