

# couple plants windbreak

Some of the Austrian pine trees didn't survive, said Mr. Gallentine, so they planted Lilac bushes to replace them.

When the couple first planted the trees, he said, they were little bitty things. They looked like just sticks, so to speak, but have survived some harsh temperatures and a drought.

Mr. Gallentine said he didn't water the trees; they did put fabric around the windbreak to keep the weeds down and the moisture in the ground.

He said when the trees were planted they decided that if the trees couldn't take the weather he wasn't going to baby them.

Some of the trees are 15 feet and the Red cedar are over 10 feet tall. The windbreak, said Mr. Gallentine, is planted in good soil.

The Gallentines' house is north of the windbreak. The windbreak has served as good protection and a home to wildlife.

It's been a big surprise, said Mr. Gallentine, how fast the windbreak has grown.

Although the couple didn't buy the land the windbreak is planted on until 10 years ago, said Mr. Gallentine, it's been in the family since 1893 when his grandfather bought it.

Mr. and Mrs. Gallentine have lived on the quarter north of the windbreak since the 1960s.



**OUTSIDE THE** Gallentine home stands a 1.8 acre windbreak the couple planted on land they bought 10 years ago. The windbreak includes plum bushes, golden currants, Red

The couple farms raising wheat and corn.

The couple has three grown kids Jim and his wife Delores who live close to them, Jan and her husband Eldean Griffith who live in Colby

Cedars, Burr Oak, Black Walnut, Austrian Pine and Honey Locust.

and David who lives in Hays. They also have five grandchildren.

Mr. Gallentine said they received a letter in the mail about the award and the banquet,

but don't plan to attend. The couple's son Jim plans to attend the banquet to accept the award for his parents.

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