

Bullet bites big bear



John R. Ebersole, Manheim R5, poses with the 402-pound black bear he shot Monday morning near Germania in Potter County. Ebersole killed the bear, his first, with one shot from a 300 magnum rifle.

Keep holiday tree well watered

MEDIA — A dried out Christmas tree is a real fire hazard. Water can keep your tree fresh and fragrant, but it takes a lot of water to keep it that way. A six to seven foot tree drinks about a quart of water a day.

Before you put up your tree, cut about an inch off the

stump, advises James J. McKeehen, Delaware County extension Agricultural Agent. Then set the tree in a water-filled stand. A freshly cut tree kept well-watered will be safe in your house for about two weeks. Beyond that time, no tree is really fire-resistant.

Cats or dogs have been known to drink the Christmas tree water. If you have pets check the tree's water supply every day. Once your tree has dried out, take it down. You're only tempting fate if you leave it up after it becomes dry.



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