

Our week in the mountains, with our extended family, was both restful and stressful.

As we approached the door to unlock the hunting cabin, we discovered that a woodpile had slid and blocked the door. So Allen and I tossed it aside until some younger members piled it properly.

The cabin is large and a few times during the week we made meals for 20 people. One day was spent traveling to Penn's Cave. Here we boarded a large boat to go through the historic landmark. This all-water cavern has been open to the public since 1885. It was discovered by the Seneca Indians centuries ago.

One member of our party had to be taken by ambulance to the Lewistown Hospital for an overnight stay. It is a wonder that they found us -- secluded as we were. This was an unexpected occurrence but after some pressure from our daughter, a nurse practitioner, they discharged the patient the next day.

We thought this was the end of our excitement. But no, that night a youngster fell out of an upper bunk in a sleeping bag. Then in the middle of the night an adult fell out of an upper bunk. Oh dear, what a time we had.

On two separate occasions, we drove through mountains and more mountains to Bald Eagle State Park to fish and boat. The grandchildren were thrilled to catch small fish which I cleaned in the evening. They also enjoyed the boat rides and the nice swimming

It was a week of comings and goings as some members of the family had jobs to attend to. Others had appointments in Washington, D.C. or parties to go to. It was a week of common concerns and lots of hugs until we all get together again.



Chester County Master Gardeners will be available to answer questions concerning gardening. Jane Johnson, Chester County master gardener, will talk about perennial gardening: design, color and theme from noon to 1 p.m. at the Penn State Extension Office, Suite 370, 601 Westtown Road. West Chester.

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