

Rocky Horse Ridge Farm For Equine Lovers

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CARLISLE (Cumberland Co.)
— The Rocking Horse Ridge Farm near Carlisle is a busy place these days.

Pat and Doreen Corbosiero, the owners of the farm, have plenty to do boarding horses and teaching riding classes that they say are becoming more popular every year.

"There seems to be a real growing interest in horses and riding, maybe because of the popularity of dude ranches, western music and western style," Doreen said. "People have seemed to get caught up in it."

The Corbosieros said they became involved with the farm more or less by chance in 1993. The couple, who are from New Jersey, said they just happened to run across the farm during a trip to this area one weekend.

Her brother is responsible for them buying the place, Doreen joked.

He is a real estate agent in Harrisburg, she said, and while they were visiting, he said he had a place to show them. He did and the rest is history, Doreen said.

Running the farm most certainly is a full-time business, the Corbosieros said.

The couple boards approximately 40 horses on a regular basis in addition to giving lessons in several different forms of riding.

Between 50 and 90 riding lessons are given by outside instructors at the 30-acre farm each week, from basic classes to

the most advanced courses.

Three instructors teach basic riding techniques and one instructs advanced classes to teach children how to perfect their riding skills. The two Western riding classes cover everything from basic techniques to barrel racing and special Western events.

English riding classes are among their most popular offerings, the Corbosieros said. "There has always been a certain amount of interest in English riding," Doreen said.

The Corbosieros really know what they are doing, too, since Doreen has worked with horses all her life. She graduated from college with a degree in animal sciences.

As one would expect, the summer is the busiest time at the farm.

That is when the farm sponsors weekly day camps for children 8 to 15 years old who are interested in learning Western and English riding.

This year, The Corbosieros said they will start a five-week basic program for beginning riders. They said that program will cover basic horse care, grooming and saddling. It will be followed by a free riding lesson.

Rocking Horse Ridge has impressive facilities to back up all of its activities.

The place has a show ring, a lighted outdoor arena, a lighted indoor arena and a whole network of wooded riding trails. The Corbosieros also offer trailering services.

The couple holds shows at the farm and are in the Blue and Gray Show Circuit, which involves



Doreen and Pat Corbosiero, the owners of the Rocking Horse Ridge Farm, give their daughter Caitlin a ride on Coco while walking Case Me in Oiki with the help of the dog Bogle.

events throughout Pennsylvania and Maryland. They are involved in the Cumberland County 4-H and Pony Club activities as well. The thing that the Corbosieros

like the most about their business is seeing young people learning about horses and enjoying themselves, Doreen said.

"Kids seem to have an interest in horses. And it's an activity that teaches them responsibility and keeps them off the street," she said.

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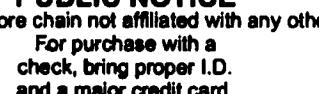
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