




PHOTOS: RON JOHNSON

Naomi West (third from left), age 10, on Prince Charming, a Bay Hackney Pony and Sophie Schroeder, (on right) age 11, on Paulie during the Fox River Valley Hound Exercises at Barrington Hills Farm on November 22, 2020.

A Girl and Her Horse

EQUESTRIAN PURSUITS HAVE FLOURISHED
IN RESTRICTIVE TIMES

HORSEBACK RIDING has been the saving grace for local children this year during our still-existing COVID-19 pandemic circumstances. They have been able to meet with their friends regularly outside, 6-feet apart on horseback. It has also provided a much-needed outlet for the parents and grandparents who support them. Many of these young riders are second- and third-generation equestrians in Barrington Hills.

Our daughter, Naomi, is a member of the Fox River Valley Pony Club. She loves to ride independently or catch up with friends touring various sectors of The Riding Club of Barrington Hills' trail system. Trail Blazers is a recently developed Club program that introduces young riders to the skills of navigating our community trail sectors safely, while respecting owners' property lines. She loves the hound exercises which is pictured above. The ability to control your horse with the excitement of hounds at your horses' hooves is an everlasting memory—as are the friendships made—and mentoring of other riders. There are many, many people to thank for supporting our equine community! 

.....
Kristin West and Rudy Stevens live in Barrington Hills and include riding horses as a family activity.



Riding and caring for horses fosters responsibility and positive friendships.