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Veterinary Museum to Relocate to Agrarian County

The boards of directors of the American Museum of Veterinary Medicine and Agrarian Country recently announced that the American Museum of Veterinary Medicine will close its facilities in Birdsboro and reopen the museum at Agrarian Country in Grantville, Pennsylvania (Lebanon County).

The mission of the American Museum of Veterinary Medicine is to collect and preserve, exhibit and interpret the rich history of veterinary medicine and its contribution to American life for the public's benefit. The collection includes more than 5,000 historic and rare books from the Roger A. Caras and Dr. Robert Shomer library collection as well as thousands of veterinary tools and artifacts.

AMVM's mission complements Agrarian Country's goal of preserving Pennsylvania farmland and farm buildings and provide a place where people of all ages can visit and participate in the operation of agricultural enterprises in a real-life farm setting.

The focal point of Agrarian Country is the historic 1872 Star Barn Complex. The complex will be disassembled and relocated to its new home in Grantville, Pennsylvania (Lebanon County), then restored to serve as Agrarian Country's Agricultural Education and Exhibition Center.

Agrarian Country also acquired the Regal Heir Farm and renamed it "Star Barn Thoroughbreds at Agrarian Country." Star Barn Thoroughbreds has 84 horses (including four proven stallions) and is under the leadership of Paul E. Truitt, DVM. Future plans include a Thoroughbred Training Center and the Star Barn Thoroughbred Academy.

According to Dr. Robert Barr, President of Agrarian Country, the relocation of the museum to Grantville is a logical next phase in the growth of Agrarian Country. He stated, "Veterinary medicine is a fundamental component to any farm operation and the museum's collections and exhibitions will be invaluable in helping American youth understand the role animals play on Pennsylvania farms and the vital contribution veterinarians and vet-techs make to ensure the health and well being of these animals."

Max J. Herman, VMD, President of AMVM said, “Agrarian Country is the perfect home for the American Museum of Veterinary Medicine. This will enable AMVM and its collections, exhibitions, and programs to continue to be enjoyed by veterinarians, aspiring veterinarians, and veterinary technicians and animal lovers of all ages for many years to come.”

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For more information about Agrarian Country, please call Dr. Robert S. Barr at 717.831.0363.

For more information about Agrarian Country projects, visit any of the following websites. Please note that several of these are currently being updated to reflect the latest news.

www.AgrarianCountry.com
www.TheStarBarn.com
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