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**STANISLAUS COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS’
ARCH GATE TIME CAPSULE TO BE DONATED**

Turlock, CA (December 8, 2011) – The time capsule that was discovered inside Stanislaus County Fairgrounds Arch Gate will be donated to the Turlock Historical Society for the community to view.

Members of the local community were invited to attend the Stanislaus County Fairgrounds’ time capsule unveiling event on April 16, 2011. After the Arch Gate pillars were unbolted, two glass jars were discovered with American Legion and Ladies Auxiliary member names that were hand written on cloth-like scrolls as well as other valuable information on weathered paper. This piece of history will be available to view by December 15, 2011.

“The scrolls were included inside the Centennial Exhibit, but we have had many requests from people who want to view the names,” said Adrenna Alkhas, spokesperson for the Stanislaus County Fair. “This is an opportunity for community members to look at this piece of history at their leisure.”

Local lore had always been there may have been something hidden in the pillars of Stanislaus County Fairgrounds’ historic arch gate, placed by the construction workers and Legion members. However, many community members thought otherwise, until Fairgrounds’ officials unearthed it. The capsule is believed to have been buried 82 years ago on April 16, 1929 during the dedication of the just-built arch gate. While researching the history of the century-old Fair, a publication from the Turlock Historical Society, *the Turlock Pioneer*, from 1999 was found, mentioning a time capsule placed behind one of the steel Legion and Auxiliary shields that adorn the pillars.

The 2012 Stanislaus County Fair opens Friday, July 13 for a 10-day run. Fair guests can count on an award-winning experience that has been over 100 years in the making.

The mission of the Stanislaus County Fair is to provide a family and community oriented experience promoting agriculture, entertainment and technology. For more information about the award-winning Stanislaus County Fair, or to host a company picnic during the Fair, visit www.stancofair.com.

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