



**SCOTT MEACHAM
OKLAHOMA STATE TREASURER**

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Treasurer Looking To Return Lost Money at State Fair

Meacham hoping to top almost \$500,000 found for OKC fair patrons last year

OKLAHOMA CITY – State Treasurer Scott Meacham has \$260 million that belongs to 350,000 Oklahomans and he’s heading to the Oklahoma State Fair to help them claim it. As administrator of Oklahoma’s unclaimed property program, Meacham and his staff are manning a booth in the Cox Pavilion at the fair in Oklahoma City.

This will be the eighth consecutive year the office has operated the “Pot of Gold” booth at the Oklahoma State Fair. Since first setting up a booth at the state fairs in Oklahoma City and Tulsa, almost \$3 million has been found for more than 4,300 fair patrons.

“We have millions of dollars in unclaimed property waiting to be claimed. I encourage all fair attendees to stop by our booth to see if we are holding any of their money,” Meacham said. “There’s no trick to it. We’ll simply look for your name, and if we find it, go to work to return your money. Our service is absolutely free.”

Last year, almost \$500,000 was found for more than 600 people attending the Oklahoma City fair. A similar amount was found last year for almost 700 people who attended the Tulsa fair.

Since becoming state treasurer three years ago, Meacham has returned almost \$45 million to more than 50,000 Oklahomans.

Examples of unclaimed property include bank accounts, security deposits, old paychecks, royalties, rebates, stock and bonds. The contents of abandoned safe deposit boxes are also included.

The cash and property are turned over to the State Treasurer’s office when the businesses holding them lose track of the owners. Treasurer Meacham’s Unclaimed Property Division operates a searchable database at www.treasurer.ok.gov, publishes the names in state newspapers and conducts other outreach, such as booths at the two major state fairs, to help find the owners.

The Unclaimed Property booth in the Cox Pavilion will be open throughout the fair.

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