



**SCOTT MEACHAM
OKLAHOMA STATE TREASURER**

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Treasurer Looking To Return Lost Money at State Fair

Meacham hoping to top more than \$400,000 found for OKC fair patrons last year

OKLAHOMA CITY – State Treasurer Scott Meacham has \$300 million that belongs to 500,000 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 is the ninth consecutive year the office has operated the “Pot of Gold” booth at the Oklahoma State Fair. Since first setting up booths at the state fairs in Oklahoma City and Tulsa, more than \$3.2 million has been found for more than 8,200 fair patrons.

“In these tight economic times, a little extra money can’t hurt and we’re looking to put \$300 million back in the pockets of half a million Oklahomans,” Meacham said. “I would encourage everyone attending the fair to stop by our booth to see if we’re holding any of their money. And don’t forget, our service is always free.”

Last year, more than \$400,000 was found for almost 500 people attending the Oklahoma City fair. A similar amount was found last year for attendees of the Tulsa fair.

Since becoming state treasurer four years ago, Meacham has returned almost \$62 million to more than 67,000 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 state fairs, to help find the owners.

The Unclaimed Property booth in the Cox Pavilion will be open throughout the fair, September 17 - 27.

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