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OKLAHOMA STATE TREASURER**

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**Total Unclaimed Property Found at
Oklahoma City Fair Tops \$2 Million**

OKLAHOMA CITY – The threshold was reached today. Unclaimed property worth \$2 million has been found for fair attendees in Oklahoma City over the past nine years. So far this year, more than \$115,000 has been found for people attending the fair, State Treasurer Scott Meacham announced today.

This is the ninth consecutive years the treasurer and his staff have manned the “Pot of Gold” booth at the fair.

Meacham made the announcement while working at the booth in the Cox Pavilion on Tuesday afternoon. As administrator of Oklahoma’s unclaimed property program, Meacham has more than \$300 million for more than 500,000 people.

“During these tough economic times, we’d like nothing more than to return lost money to people attending the fair. I encourage all fair attendees to stop by our booth to see if we are holding any of their money,” Meacham said. “Reuniting some 5,900 fair patrons with more than \$2 million is a great milestone, but we have a lot more money we’d like to return to its rightful owners.”

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, overpayments, 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 then publishes the names, operates an online search engine at www.treasurer.ok.gov 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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