



**SCOTT MEACHAM
OKLAHOMA STATE TREASURER**

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**State Fair Attendees Can Find “Pot of Gold” At
Treasurer’s Unclaimed Property Booth**

OKLAHOMA CITY – State Treasurer Scott Meacham is heading to the Oklahoma State Fair to help Oklahomans find their unclaimed property. As administrator of Oklahoma’s unclaimed property program, Meacham has more than \$175 million for more than 350,000 people.

Meacham and his staff are manning a booth in the Made in Oklahoma Building at the fair in Oklahoma City. This will be the sixth consecutive year the office has operated the “Pot of Gold” booth at the state fair.

“We are holding millions of dollars in unclaimed property waiting for it to be claimed by its rightful owners. I encourage all fair attendees to stop by our booth to see if we are holding any of their money,” Meacham said. “More than 2,500 fair patrons have found more than \$1.45 million over the last five years.”

Since becoming state treasurer in June of last year, Meacham has put an increased emphasis on reuniting Oklahomans with their unclaimed property. During the past fiscal year the number of claims paid jumped by almost 50 percent from the previous year. As a result of this emphasis, more than 16,000 Oklahomans shared in \$12.4 million.

Examples of unclaimed property include bank accounts, security deposits, uncashed 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 and conducts other outreach, such as booths at the two major state fairs, to help find the owners.

The Unclaimed Property booth in the Made in Oklahoma building will be open throughout the fair. Workers will be on hand to offer assistance September 14-24.

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