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## \$285 MILLION AND COUNTING: POWERBALL'S ON THE UP

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LITTLE ROCK – Can you imagine winning \$285 million? If so, you're like thousands of Arkansas Powerball players who have their numbers ready for the *\$285,000,000* jackpot drawing Saturday at 10 p.m.

And why wouldn't they? More than 9,000 Arkansas players have been Powerball winners since sales began in the state, including million-dollar winners in Lonoke, Searcy and Bella Vista.

A few other Powerball winners in Arkansas:

- \$200,000 winner in Little Rock
- \$150,000 winner in Alma
- \$150,000 winner in Conway
- \$100,000 and \$10,000 winners in Mountain Home
- \$100,000 winner in Springdale
- \$50,000 winner in Hot Springs
- \$50,000 winner in Greenwood
- \$20,000 winner in Maumelle
- \$10,000 winner in Gillham

So imagine winning \$285 million. And if you can't imagine that, there are plenty of other prizes up for grabs, too. See here under "Ways to Win:" <a href="http://myarkansaslottery.com/games/powerball">http://myarkansaslottery.com/games/powerball</a>)

This big Powerball jackpot is all well-timed, as extended through the month of February by popular demand is the lottery's 5 Buck Bundle – a package which includes Powerball, Mega Millions and Natural State Jackpot tickets for, yes, five bucks. (Drawing on Tuesdays and Fridays at 10 p.m., tonight's national Mega Millions jackpot is \$30 million. Meanwhile, tonight's Arkansas-only Natural State Jackpot top prize is \$85,000; NSJ drawings are held Monday through Saturday at 8 p.m.)

To get the 5 Buck Bundle, Arkansas Scholarship Lottery players must simply buy a \$3 Powerball with PowerPlay ticket and a \$2 Mega Millions with Megaplier ticket to receive a free \$1 Natural

State Jackpot ticket all February long. All three tickets will be Quick Picks. (This promotion is not available from lottery ticket vending machines or if tickets are purchased separately.)

## About Powerball

Powerball is a multi-state national jackpot draw game with drawings held at 9:59 p.m. every Wednesday and Saturday. Arkansas started Powerball sales on October 31, 2009. Powerball itself began in April 1992 in 15 states with jackpots that started at a guaranteed \$2 million. Since then, Powerball has grown into one of the world's biggest and most recognizable lottery games, sold today by 47 lotteries across the nation, with players buying more than \$4 billion in Powerball tickets each year. The world record jackpot was set by a Powerball jackpot run that reached \$1.586 billion and hit in Tennessee, California, and Florida.

## About the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery

Since its inception in 2009, the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery has provided nearly \$700 million for in-state college scholarships to Arkansas students, nearly \$2 billion in prizes to players, and more than \$182 million in commissions to Lottery retailers. More than 92 cents of every dollar of Lottery revenue goes to prizes, scholarships, retailer commissions and other expenses in Arkansas.

Follow the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Twitter</u> and <u>Instagram</u>. Visit <u>MyArkansasLottery</u> for more information on scholarships, winners, games, odds, promotions -and to join the free Play It Again<sup>™</sup> Rewards Club. To hear winning numbers, call the Winning Numbers Hotline at 501-682-IWON (4966). To get help with problem gambling, contact the National Problem Gambling Helpline at 1-800-522-4700.

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