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Baxter County Man Wins \$1 Million Lottery Prize

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LITTLE ROCK, Ark. – A Lakeview man can thank his wife for becoming a millionaire. The winner, who selected to remain anonymous under Arkansas law, claimed his prize Wednesday at the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery Claim Center in Little Rock.

The Arkansas resident won the top prize from the \$20 \$1,000,000 Riches scratch-off ticket. His wife purchased the winning ticket from Michael Gas N Go, 6135 Highway 5 North in Midway. The retailer will receive \$10,000 in commission for selling the winning ticket.

"My wife and I have a routine when playing the lottery - she buys the tickets, and then I scratch them to see if they're winners," the excited winner told lottery officials. "She's really good with understanding the odds and how many top prizes are left on all the games."

The winner plans to help his family and friends, retire early, and enjoy a memorable vacation with his wife of more than 30 years with the lottery prize. He is the 86th person that has won a lottery prize worth \$1 million or more in Arkansas since 2009.

"I'm a big believer in good karma," he said with a smile.

With his million-dollar win, two top prizes of \$1 million remain in the \$1,000,000 Riches game, and a \$50,000 ticket is still in circulation.

Players also have two chances to become a multi-millionaire this week with Powerball® and Mega Millions® jackpots totaling more than \$552 million. The Mega Millions jackpot stands at \$273 million for tonight's drawing. The Powerball jackpot for Saturday night's drawing has reached \$279 million.

The Arkansas Scholarship Lottery's Natural State Jackpot (NSJ) continues to skyrocket. Setting a record, tonight's drawing is worth \$510,000.

To purchase a ticket, visit a local lottery retailer and ask for a computer-generated Quick Pick or choose your own lucky numbers. For more information on game odds and how to play, visit MyArkansasLottery.com.

About the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery

More than 92 cents of every dollar of ASL revenue goes to prizes, scholarships, retailer commissions, and other expenses in Arkansas. Since 2009, the lottery has raised more than \$1.1 billion in proceeds for scholarships. More than 675,000 college scholarships have been awarded to Arkansans. The lottery has awarded more than \$4 billion in prizes to players, about \$349 million in retailer commissions, and provided more than \$154 million in state and federal tax revenue.

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