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Greenbrier Woman Wins Record-Breaking \$430,000 Lottery Prize With Extra Ticket

City Proves Lucky for Players

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LITTLE ROCK – A Greenbrier woman recently won a Natural State Jackpot (NSJ) prize that reached an all-time record high in Arkansas Scholarship Lottery (ASL) history. Rebecca Black claimed the jackpot worth \$430,000 Wednesday afternoon at the ASL Claim Center. The winning numbers for the May 28 drawing were 3, 5, 21, 37 and 39.

Black purchased five NSJ tickets at the Kum & Go, 1775 Old Morrilton in Conway for Tuesday's night drawing. She picked numbers for three of the tickets and asked for two Quick Picks. Black was supposed to receive change back after the transaction, but the convenience store cashier printed a third Quick Pick ticket by mistake.

"I didn't notice the extra ticket until I got back in my car," she said. The store was so busy, and I didn't want to embarrass the cashier for making a mistake, so I decided to keep the extra ticket."

It was a decision for which she would be rewarded.

Black first realized she had won this morning. "I was at Sonic, my ultimate drink stop, getting my favorite – Cherry Dr. Pepper," she said. "While I was waiting, I checked the winning numbers on the website. The mistake ticket was laying on top of my other tickets, so I checked that ticket first."

"I saw that I matched the first couple of numbers and was happy that I had at least won a couple of dollars," said Black. "Since it was early in the morning, I couldn't believe my eyes when I realized that I had all of the winning numbers."

She asked her daughter and boss to double check her numbers to confirm that she was

a winner. "After confirmation, I held the winning ticket in the air and told my mother that we finally did it! She passed away last year, and we enjoyed playing the lottery together."

Black retires this year and said she had been worrying about having extra money for retirement. "This is definitely divine intervention," she said. "It pays to have faith. The Lord has truly blessed me!"

She plans to invest, pay debts and purchase a headstone for her mother with her winnings.

Conway has proved to be a "lucky" city for NSJ players. Since 2009, this lotto-lucky town has had five Natural State Jackpot winners including Lurand Miller, who won a jackpot worth \$280,000 in February. The Natural State Jackpot starts over at \$50,000 for tonight's drawing at 8 p.m.

About Natural State Jackpot

Natural State Jackpot (NSJ) is a drawing game exclusive to Arkansas. NSJ drawings are held Monday through Saturday at 8 p.m. CST. The jackpot starts at \$50,000 and increases by \$5,000 every draw until it hits \$150,000. After that, it increases by \$10,000 every draw until it's won. Five numbers are drawn from 1 to 39. If all numbers match those that are chosen, the player will win the jackpot. If other players also match all five numbers, the prize will be shared in equal amounts. Each play is \$1.

About the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery

More than 92 cents of every dollar of Lottery revenue goes to prizes, scholarships, retailer commissions, and other expenses in Arkansas. Since 2009, the Lottery has provided more than \$965 million for more than 542,307 college scholarships, more than \$2.8 billion in prizes to players, about \$248 million in retailer commissions and more than \$125 million state and federal tax revenue.

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