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More Lottery Winners Claim Big Prizes This Week

Mega Millions Jackpot Bumped Today to \$520 Million for Tonight's Drawing

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LITTLE ROCK, Ark. – The number of lottery players claiming big prizes continued today at the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery (ASL) bringing the total amount of prize money won this week to more than \$8 million.

Today Robert Gurley of Quitman claimed a \$500,000 prize he won on a \$20 200Xtra scratch-off ticket, and Louis Shoults of Little Rock won \$390,003 playing Lucky for Life[®] in last night's drawing. Shoults had all five white ball numbers (3, 20, 25, 28, 30) and elected the cash option rather than \$25,000 a year for 20 years. If Shoults had had the Lucky Ball number, his prize would have been \$7,000 a week for life.

Gurley purchased his winning ticket at the Snappy Mart, 3 Highway 124 in Damascus. Shoults bought his lucky ticket at the SD Superstop, 16900 Cantrell Road. Each retailer will receive a 1 percent commission for selling winning tickets.

The Mega Millions[®] jackpot for tonight's drawing has been bumped to \$520 million. The Powerball[®] jackpot for tomorrow night's drawing stands at \$470 million. This is only the third time that both games have simultaneously had jackpots larger than \$400 million.

On Monday and Tuesday two Arkansas players each claimed prizes of \$1 million. Besides those two big winners this week, a Little Rock woman won \$100,00 playing Powerball[®], and two players claimed \$50,000 prizes from the \$50,000 Payout instant game. Another player won \$75,000 off a \$3 Jumbo Bucks Bingo instant game, and four players claimed \$60,000 worth of prize money from scratch-off tickets. Two players won the Arkansas Progressive Jackpot – one for \$11,243 and another for \$24,493.

Currently ASL is offering a special promotion called the 5-Buck Bundle. For just \$5, a player receives a Powerball ticket with Power Play[®], a Mega Millions ticket and a free Natural State Jackpot ticket.

ASL Director Eric Hagler said he wants to remind players to play responsibly.

"We want our players to have fun, especially when there are two big rolling jackpots," Hagler said. "However, it only takes one ticket to win."

Hagler said every game people buy helps fund scholarships for Arkansas students. Since 2009, the lottery has helped raised more than \$1 billion in proceeds which equates to more than 600,000 scholarships.

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 billion in proceeds for scholarships. More than 600,000 college scholarships have been awarded to Arkansans. The lottery has awarded more than \$3.4 billion in prizes to players, about \$298 million in retailer commissions and provided more than \$140 million in state and federal tax revenue.

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