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Natural State Jackpot Launches Daily Drawings This Sunday

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LITTLE ROCK, Ark. – This Sunday marks the launch of daily Natural State Jackpot (NSJ) drawings at 8 p.m. CST.

The jackpot for tonight's drawing is \$300,000.

The jackpot starts at \$50,000 and increases by \$5,000 every draw until it reaches \$100,000. After that, it increases by \$10,000 for every draw. Previously, the jackpot increased by \$5,000 every draw until it reached \$150,000, then increased by \$10,000 every draw.

According to Mike Smith, gaming director of the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery (ASL), adding a Sunday drawing will result in larger, faster-growing jackpots. Expanding to daily drawings will keep the NSJ game odds and set cash prizes the same.

The cost of NSJ tickets will remain at \$1 per play. Players can choose five numbers between 1 and 39 or opt to have the numbers randomly generated by the lottery terminal. Approximately 2,000 ASL-licensed lottery retailers will sell tickets for the NSJ daily drawings.

"Life-changing jackpots produce more than just lottery winners," Smith said. "Proceeds from draw game sales drive more money for scholarships, and our retail partners receive a commission when a player cashes in a winning ticket sold at their store."

Since 2009, the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery has raised more than \$1.3 billion in proceeds for scholarships and awarded more than 720,000 scholarships.

Following each NSJ drawing, winning numbers can be viewed at MyArkansasLottery.com.

About the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery

The Arkansas Scholarship Lottery creates winning people, winning futures and winning moments. Since 2009, the ASL has sold over \$7.3 billion and returned more than \$1.3 billion for scholarships to benefit Arkansas students. More than 720,000 college scholarships have been awarded to Arkansans. The lottery has awarded more than \$4.9 billion in prizes to players,

about \$413 million in retailer commissions, and provided more than \$176 million in state and federal tax revenue.

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