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Powerball and LOTTO Jackpots Soar for Wednesday Draws

From Working to Winning: Lottery Player Lands $50,000 Instant Prize

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LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — Big wins could be just around the corner with Wednesday night's Powerball® and LOTTO drawings.

Tonight, the Powerball jackpot is $485 million. Drawings are held every Monday, Wednesday and Saturday. Tickets cost $2 per play, and players can add the optional Power Play® multiplier for an additional $1, which can increase non-jackpot winnings by up to 10 times.

Also drawing tonight, the LOTTO jackpot is $2.741 million. LOTTO is an Arkansas-exclusive draw game with drawings held every Wednesday and Saturday at 9 p.m. Tickets cost $2 per play, and ticket sales cut off at 8:59 p.m.

One lucky lottery player, Billy Peterson of Webster County, Iowa, landed a big win playing the $50,000 Stacked instant game. He claimed his prize at the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery Claim on Oct. 1.

Billy, who works in Arkansas, was en route to his workplace when he stopped at Casey's General Store #3346, 509 S. Rogers St., in Clarksville to buy a lottery ticket. A weekly player, Billy originally had another scratch-off game in mind but ultimately reached for $50,000 Stacked. Unbeknownst to him, that quick decision would lead to his first big lottery win.

Billy waited until he was at work to scratch off his ticket, only to discover he had won a $50,000 top prize.

"I was shaking when I realized," Peterson told lottery officials. "I told everybody I knew—anybody and everybody. They were all surprised and happy for me."

The lucky winner plans to invest his winnings for himself and his children.

Twenty-seven $50,000 top prizes remain on $50,000 Stacked.

For more information about lottery games and how to play, visit MyArkansasLottery.com.

About the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery
The Arkansas Scholarship Lottery (ASL) creates winning people, winning futures, and winning moments. Since 2009, the ASL has sold over $8.7 billion and returned more than $1.6 billion for scholarships to benefit Arkansas students. More than 873,000 college scholarships distributed by the Arkansas Department of Higher Education have been awarded to Arkansans. As of August 31, 2026, the lottery has awarded more than $5.9 billion in prizes to players, more than $492 million in retailer commissions, and provided more than $462 million in state and federal tax revenue.

Follow the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery on Facebook, X, formerly known as Twitter, and Instagram. Visit MyArkansasLottery.com for more information on scholarships, winners, games, odds, promotions – and to join The Club for free. To get help with problem gambling, contact the National Problem Gambling Helpline at 1-800-522-4700.

For their Oct. 7 drawings, the Powerball® jackpot is $485 million, and the LOTTO jackpot is $2.741 million.

Billy Peterson of Webster County, Iowa, won $50,000 playing $50,000 Stacked.

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