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Lottery Jackpots Offer Big Prizes

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LITTLE ROCK – The Arkansas Scholarship Lottery’s (ASL) three big jackpots have all been increasing for several weeks. The Mega Millions® jackpot for tomorrow night’s drawing stands at \$227 million. On Saturday the Powerball® drawing will be for a jackpot of \$147 million. And Arkansas’s game – Natural State Jackpot (NSJ) – has reached \$150,000 for tonight’s drawing.

ASL Director Bishop Woosley said the lottery is pushing sales of draw games right now because they are more profitable for the lottery than scratch-off tickets, which means more in proceeds for college scholarships.

“We certainly don’t want to discourage people from playing scratch-off games, but our mission is to maximize proceeds to scholarships,” he said.

Woosley said he wants to remind players that they can still win big money on draw games even if they don’t win the jackpot.

“For example, with Powerball® to win the jackpot a player must match all five white balls and the Powerball®. However, if they match all five white balls, they win \$1 million. If they match four white balls and the Powerball® number, they win \$50,000. To win \$100 they must either match four white numbers, or three white balls and the Powerball® number. And then there are several ways to win \$7 and \$4 on a ticket,” Woosley said.

“For an additional dollar, players can add the Power Play® option to multiple non-jackpot winnings by two, three, four, five or 10 times. That means if a player matches all five white balls and the Power Play® multiplier is four, he wins \$4 million. Not bad for an investment of \$3.”

Woosley said the lottery has already awarded prizes from draw games and scratch-off tickets totaling \$2,523,668 in just three days this week.

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 \$781 million for more than 302,000 college scholarships, more than \$2.6 billion in prizes to players, about \$228 million in retailer commissions and more than \$117 million state and federal tax revenue.

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