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Two \$1 Million Winners Claim Lottery Prizes in Two Days

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LITTLE ROCK, Ark. – The New Year is starting out great for two Arkansans who each claimed a \$1 million prize from the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery (ASL) this week.

Yesterday Robbye Smith from Berryville claimed her \$1 million prize at the ASL Claim Center in Little Rock. She won the top prize from the Millionaires Club scratch-off ticket. Smith said she plans to purchase a new home with her winnings.

The winning ticket was sold at the Murphy USA, 1000 W. Trimble in Berryville. This retailer will receive \$10,000 in commission for selling the winning ticket.

Monday Denisho Howse from Sherwood claimed a \$1 million Play It Again[®] Second-Chance drawing prize. He was randomly selected on Dec. 17. As a member of The Club, Howse won by entering his non-winning instant scratch-off tickets into The Club for Play It Again entries and player rewards.

The Club is the exclusive location for entering eligible lottery tickets for Play It Again drawings and other special Second-Chance promotions. And tickets earn Points for Prizes points that may be redeemed in the lottery online store. Every ASL instant game qualifies for entry into a Play It Again drawing. Winners are randomly selected from all eligible entries for each drawing. It's free to join The Club simply by going to MyArkansasLottery.com.

Besides the two \$1 million winners this week, 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 a \$20,000 prize was claimed from a \$2 Cash Doubler scratch-off ticket. A woman from Ozark won the Arkansas Progressive Jackpot of \$11,243.

The Mega Millions[®] jackpot for Friday tonight's drawing has grown to \$490 million. The Powerball jackpot for tonight's drawing stands at \$410 million. This is only the third time that both games have simultaneously had jackpots larger than \$400 million.

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.

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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