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Warren Woman Wins \$20,000 Playing Mega Millions

Mega Millions Lottery Jackpot Nears \$1 Billion

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LITTLE ROCK, Ark. – A Warren woman recently claimed a \$20,000 Mega Millions[®] prize at the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery (ASL) Claim Center. Mona Reap purchased the winning Quick Pick ticket at Cash's #4468, 111 E. Church St. in Warren, for the July 21 drawing.

The winning numbers were white balls 29, 40, 47, 50 and 57, plus the Megaball[®] 25. The multiplier was two.

Reap had been watching the growing Powerball[®] and Mega Millions jackpots when she decided to try her luck on a few lottery tickets.

"It was okay if I didn't win anything because I was still helping fund college scholarships for Arkansas students," she said.

Reap checked her tickets Tuesday after seeing one of her friends congratulating the unknown winner of the \$20,000 Mega Millions ticket on Facebook.

"Man, I wonder if that's me," she thought as she read her friend's Facebook status. "I checked my tickets that night and was shocked when I came across the winning Mega Millions ticket. I kept thinking I was looking at it wrong!"

Reap matched four white ball numbers and the Megaball number, doubling her \$10,000 prize to \$20,000 since she purchased the \$1 Megaplier[®] option.

However, the winner was unaware of the actual prize amount until she visited the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery to claim her lottery win. She knew she had won over \$500 but was stunned by her newfound wealth.

Reap first told her son, Austin, about the lottery win. She plans to put her prize toward her mortgage and home improvements.

The Mega Millions jackpot has grown to an estimated \$910 million. The jackpot is on the verge of \$1 billion, a level it has surpassed four times in the past, most recently last January. Four Mega Millions jackpots have exceeded \$1 billion – one each in 2018, 2021, 2022 and 2023.

Mega Millions tickets are \$2 each, with the option to purchase the Megaplier for an additional dollar, which will multiply any non-jackpot prizes won. Players can select their five numbers and the Megaball or buy a Quick Pick for randomly generated numbers.

Tickets are available for purchase at an Arkansas Scholarship Lottery retailer or on the Jackpocket app.

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 \$1.2 billion in proceeds for scholarships. More than 720,000 college scholarships have been awarded to Arkansans. The lottery has awarded more than \$4.6 billion in prizes to players, about \$386 million in retailer commissions, and provided more than \$167 million in state and federal tax revenue.

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