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ARKANSAS SCHOLARSHIP LOTTERY ANNOUNCES Millionaire #51

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LITTTLE ROCK—Jo Jones of Lonoke today became the fifty-first million-dollar Arkansas Scholarship Lottery winner since the Lottery launched in 2009. Jones won playing a \$20 \$1,000,000 Golden Ticket instant ticket she purchased at the Shell retailer on 1695 N. Center St. in Lonoke.

A veteran player of the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery, Jones said she plays scratch-offs "just a little." While on a lunch break, eyeing the \$20 ticket, Jones decided to, "go for it." She didn't scratch it right away, but when she did, she thought the win "must be something else."

Jones said she got out of her vehicle, started pacing, and called her daughter — who wisely told her to make sure to sign the back of her ticket and not to lose it. Then, Jones "went back to work. That's all I know to do," she said. "I've been working all my life!"

This *Golden Ticket* may help her golden years. Jones said she was going to spend some of the prize on a new truck and to "try to retire."

This is the second of four million-dollar prizes to be claimed on the \$20 *\$1,000,000 Golden Ticket* instant ticket. Lonoke Shell will receive a \$10,000 commission for selling the ticket.

About the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery

Since Lottery sales started in Arkansas in 2009, the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery has provided more than \$573 million for scholarships, Lottery players have won nearly \$2 billion in prizes, and Lottery retailers have earned more than \$162 million in

commissions. More than 92 cents of every dollar of Lottery revenue goes to prizes, scholarships and retailer commissions in the state.

About Scholarships

The Arkansas Scholarship Lottery Act of 2009 provided for revenue raised by a state lottery to provide for college scholarships, to be administered by the Arkansas Department of Higher Education (ADHE). As a result, tens of thousands of Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarships are awarded to Arkansas residents for in-state colleges and universities across the state annually.

Lottery officials encourage both traditional and nontraditional students in the state to apply for the Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship at ADHE before the June 1 deadline: www.adhe.edu.

Visit <u>www.myarkansaslottery.com</u> for more information on scholarships, winners, games, odds, promotions, and to join the free *Play it Again* Rewards Club. To hear winning numbers, call the Winning Numbers Hotline at 501-682-IWON (4966).To get help with problem gambling, contact the National Problem Gambling Helpline at 1-800-522-4700.

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