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NEW INSTANT GAME PROVES ITSELF A *BLAST!*

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LITTLE ROCK— Though less than three weeks old, a new instant ticket has proven itself a winner – but especially today. More than a half-dozen top prize winners of \$10,000 Blast! have lined up in the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery's Little Rock Claim Center downtown to claim their \$10,000 prizes today. Top prize claimants in this hot \$10 scratch-off game today – so far – include Ernest Hall of Jacksonville, Andy Peeks of Cabot, Chad Grace of Benton, Hanna Compton of Greenbrier, Gage Johnson of Pine Bluff, Lacy Beaver of DeWitt, Christy Jones of Kensett, and Kenneth Curtis of Magnolia.

The respective winning tickets were sold at Express Mart, 1530 W. Main St., in Jacksonville; Rock's Smoke N Gas, 815 S. Second St., in Cabot; Texaco One Stop, 1005 W. South St., in Benton; GJ NLR, 11000 highway 165, in North Little Rock; Super Stop Valero, 101 Blake St., in Pine Bluff; DeWitt A-Z Mart, 123 W. Second St., in DeWitt; Crystal Food Mart, 6116 Crystal Hill Road, in North Little Rock; and Dixie Mart #26, 2322 N. Vine St., in Magnolia. Each retailer will receive a 1% commission on the sale.

About \$10 \$10,000 Blast!

\$10,000 Blast! is a \$10 instant game from the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery that launched Nov. 1 loaded with 130 \$10,000 top prizes. More than a hundred \$10,000 top prizes remain to be claimed in this game. \$10,000 Blast! has more than \$7.2 million in cash prizes remaining – including more than \$1million in \$10,000 top prizes. Overall odds are 1 in 3.00. (The Arkansas Scholarship Lottery is unable to determine how many winning tickets are lost or purchased but still remain unclaimed. Prizes remaining are updated daily.)

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 its inception in 2009, the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery has provided nearly \$700 million for in-state college scholarships to Arkansas students, nearly \$2 billion in prizes to players and more than \$178 million in commissions to Lottery retailers. More than 235,000 Arkansas students have been awarded scholarships.

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