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Clarksville Man Plans to Buy First Home with Lottery Win

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LITTLE ROCK – Today Neil Smith claimed a lottery prize worth \$70,000 at the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery Claim Center. The win came from playing the lottery’s \$3 scratch-off game, Win 10X. Smith purchased the ticket yesterday from Tobacco Town, 211 South Rogers in Clarksville.

“I usually buy the \$1 or \$2 tickets, but I just sold a washing machine and decided to treat myself with a couple of lottery tickets for entertainment,” he said.

Smith purchased four Win 10X tickets. He didn’t win on the first two tickets but won the top prize on the third ticket.

“Holy cow! Now, that’s a winner,” was his first thought when he realized he had a winning ticket. “I ran into the store to check the ticket to make sure my eyes weren’t playing some cruel joke on me! I scanned it on the ticket checker about ten times.”

Smith’s wife, Rita, had to scratch the fourth ticket because he was so happy about his win that he didn’t care about scratching it.

“I always dreamed of owning a home for my family of seven. My family has had the worst luck with landlords,” Smith told lottery officials. “I went back to my vehicle and told my wife that we could finally make a down payment on a house!

Her face immediately turned red, and we both were teary-eyed,” he said. “Then she told me that we didn’t win on the last ticket,” Smith chuckled.

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 \$922 million for more than 542,000 college scholarships, more than \$3 billion in prizes to players, about \$268 million in retailer commissions, and more than \$131 million state and federal tax revenue.

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