



WINNER NEWS

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Jonesboro Man Claims \$600,000 Natural State Jackpot *Springdale Woman Wins \$75,000 Playing Instant Game*

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LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — Last week brought big lottery luck for two Arkansas players.

A Jonesboro resident, who has elected to remain anonymous, won \$600,000 in the July 10 Natural State Jackpot drawing. He claimed his prize at the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery Claim Center on July 15.

The winning ticket was purchased at Jordan’s Kwik Stop #64 on 19888 Highway 18 E. in Monette. The winning numbers were 15, 16, 24, 32 and 34.

The Jonesboro man was working in Monette when he purchased the winning ticket. A frequent Natural State Jackpot (NSJ) player, he bought three tickets for the July 10 drawing, with ten plays for each.

Friday night, just before going to bed, the man checked his local news app and saw that someone had purchased the winning NSJ ticket at the retailer he visited. Excited, he checked his own tickets. The last of the three tickets awarded him the \$600,000 jackpot—the highest jackpot in the history of the Natural State Jackpot game.

“At first, I was just shocked,” the winner shared with lottery officials.

The Jonesboro resident immediately turned to tell his wife, who was sound asleep.

“I think this is worth waking you up for,” the winner said, handing her the ticket.

The winner's wife was convinced he was joking and refused to believe the news until she checked the winning numbers on the lottery website. Of course, she was stunned: the couple had talked only one week prior about what they would do if they won the lottery.

With their winnings, the couple plans to pay off their house and other bills, invest in stocks and save money for their child.

The Natural State Jackpot is \$75,000 for tonight's drawing.

Another winner, Springdale resident Michelle H., won \$75,000 with a \$3 ticket for the Extra! Extra! Crossword instant game. She claimed her prize on July 11.

The winning ticket was purchased at Kum & Go #414 on 1220 E. Robinson in Springdale.

Michelle bought the winning ticket on a whim. Though the Springdale woman initially planned to only buy a drink, she made a last-minute decision to buy an Extra! Extra! Crossword ticket.

Two days later, Michelle discovered that her ticket held the 11 words needed to win the \$75,000 top prize.

"I must be wrong," Michelle thought.

Having played lottery games consistently for years, Michelle never imagined she would win such a significant prize; previously, she had won \$3,000 at most.

"It's really not real," she told lottery officials. "I still can't believe I won."

So far, the Springdale woman has only shared the good news with her husband.

With her prize, Michelle plans to do some home repairs and secretly share her winnings.

Two top prizes of \$75,000 remain on the Extra! Extra! Crossword instant game.

For more information about lottery games and how to play, visit MyArkansasLottery.com.

About the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery

The Arkansas Scholarship Lottery (ASL) creates winning people, winning futures, and winning moments. Since 2009, the ASL has sold over \$7.4 billion and returned more than \$1.4 billion for scholarships to benefit Arkansas students. More than 770,000 college scholarships distributed by the Arkansas Department of Higher Education have been awarded to Arkansans. The lottery has awarded more than \$5 billion in prizes to players, more than \$421 million in retailer commissions, and provided more than \$177 million in state and federal tax revenue.

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Michelle H. from Springdale won \$75,000 playing Extra! Extra! Crossword.

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