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## **Malvern Woman Gets Early Birthday Present with Lottery Scratch-Off Ticket**

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LITTLE ROCK – A Malvern woman is having the best birthday week ever thanks to a recent lottery win. Today Vallerie Ahart claimed a lottery prize worth \$10,000 at the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery Claim Center just days before her 56th birthday.

The win came from playing the lottery's \$10 scratch-off game, \$10,000 Stacked. Ahart purchased the ticket yesterday from the Exxon located at 1200 Central Ave. in Hot Springs.

"I play the lottery a couple of times a week and purchased a ticket on my way home," she said. "I decided to buy a \$10 ticket for the first time and noticed it was number 3 on the roll of tickets, which is my lucky number."

Ahart immediately started to scratch her ticket and soon couldn't believe her eyes.

"That was too easy," was her first thought when she realized she had a winning ticket.

"I confirmed the win with the retailer and started screaming with excitement in the store," she said. "Everyone started looking at me, but I didn't care. I'm still trying to wrap my head around this win! This is awesome!"

Ahart first told her mom about the win. She plans to make a down payment on a new home and purchase some new cowboy boots.

"I'm celebrating my birthday all week, and I am starting as soon as I leave this Claim Center," Ahart says with a huge smile.

### About the \$10,000 Stacked Scratch-Off Ticket

The \$10,000 Stacked game launched in December of last year. More than \$9 million in prizes still remain on the \$10 ticket, including 162 more top prizes of \$10,000.

### 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 \$914 million for more than 542,000 college scholarships, more than \$3 billion in prizes to players, about \$266 million in retailer commissions, and more than \$130 million state and federal tax revenue.

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