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**Powerball Jackpot Increases to \$550 Million
*\$1 Million Winning Ticket Sold in Searcy***

Although Wednesday night's Powerball drawing didn't find a single jackpot winner anywhere in America, it still generated some big prizes. There were two \$2 Million winning tickets and an additional 26 winners throughout the U.S. will each collect a \$1 Million prize. The winners of the \$1 Million prize had each matched all five white balls. The two savvy winners of \$2 Million chose to spend an extra \$1 to purchase the Power Play option, which resulted in doubling their winnings when they matched all five white balls. There were many other big wins from the draw on May 15. 112 players won \$10,000. An additional 10 players wisely chose to purchase the \$1 Power Play option, which resulted in their quadrupling their winnings from \$10,000 to \$40,000 each.

Arkansas had one of those Million dollar winners. A \$1 Million ticket was purchased in Arkansas at the Crossroads Express II on Booth Road in Searcy. We don't yet know the identity of that ticket holder; we are awaiting their appearance at one of the four Arkansas Scholarship Claim Centers (Little Rock, Springdale, Jonesboro and Camden).

The next Powerball drawing will be on Saturday, May 18, at 9:59 p.m. CST. Saturday night's jackpot is an estimated \$550 Million (the second largest jackpot in Powerball history) and the cash value of the prize is estimated to be \$350.1 Million.

All players who purchased Powerball tickets at the Crossroads Express II in Searcy are urged to check their numbers against the winning numbers to see if their ticket is the winner. The winning numbers can be found at any Lottery retailer or at myarkansaslottery.com.

Powerball® is a multi-state jackpot game. Drawings are held at 9:59 p.m. CST every Wednesday and Saturday. Five numbered balls are drawn from 1 to 59 and one numbered ball is drawn from 1 to 35. If all your numbers match those that are chosen, you win the jackpot, which starts at \$40 million and grows until someone wins. If other players also match all six numbers, the prize will be shared in equal amounts. Each Powerball® play is \$2. For an additional dollar, you can add the PowerPlay® option to increase non-jackpot winnings by as much as a million dollars.

**Mega Millions Jackpot Close Behind, with Estimated
Jackpot of \$190 Million**

On Tuesday, May 14, the Mega Millions draw saw seven winners throughout the U.S. who matched five numbers and are \$250,000 richer (two lucky players in Georgia and one each in D.C., Delaware, Illinois, Maryland and New York). There were also 65 winners of \$10,000.

The jackpot for Saturday, May 18, is an estimated \$190 Million, which has a cash option of \$140 Million. That drawing will be held at 10:00 p.m. CST.

Mega Millions® is a multi-state jackpot game. Drawings are held at 10 p.m. CST every Tuesday and Friday. Five numbered balls are drawn from 1 to 56 and one numbered ball is drawn from 1 to 46. If all your numbers match those that are chosen, you win the jackpot, which starts at \$12 million and grows until someone wins. If other players also match all six numbers, the prize will be shared in equal amounts. Each Mega Millions® play is \$1. For an additional dollar, you can add the Megaplier® option to multiply non-jackpot winnings by 2, 3 or 4 times.

Natural State Jackpot (NSJ) Has Grown to \$115,000 – Drawing Tonight!

- Today's Jackpot is \$115,000.
- Drawings are held six nights a week (every night except Sunday) at 8:00 p.m. (CST).
- The Natural State Jackpot has been hit 12 times to date.
- The last winning jackpot was hit on April 24, paying out \$35,000.

NSJ is similar to Powerball, Mega Millions, and Decades of Dollars. Players choose five numbers between one and 39 and can play the same numbers for up to 20 consecutive draws. Each play costs \$1.

Players matching two numbers will win \$1; three numbers win \$7; four matching numbers win \$300, and all five numbers will win the jackpot, guaranteed to be worth at least \$25,000. Each night in which there is no big winner, an additional \$5,000 is added to the jackpot. If there is more than one jackpot winner, the prize will be equally divided among all the jackpot prize winners. The odds of winning any prize are one in nine, according to ASL officials.