



## WINNER NEWS

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### **Prairie County Man Wins \$500,000 Lottery Prize**

*Mega Millions Rises to \$740 Million*

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LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — One Arkansan stopped by a local convenience store for a snack and walked home with a massive lottery prize.

Prairie County resident Oliver J. recently won \$500,000 playing 200X the Win, a \$20 instant game. He claimed his prize at the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery (ASL) Claim Center on Dec. 12.

The winning ticket was purchased at Wa Wa Mart, 7515 Baseline Road in Little Rock.

Oliver stopped by the convenience store for a snack and a drink as part of his daily routine. As a regular lottery player who prefers scratch-off games, the Prairie County man also decided to try his luck with a 200X the Win ticket.

While still in the store, he scratched his ticket, intending to go to the barbershop and run other errands afterward. However, what Oliver saw on his ticket stopped him in his tracks: he had won the instant game's \$500,000 top prize.

Staying calm, cool and collected, the Prairie County resident showed the ticket to his brother, who also resolved to manage his emotions.

"I didn't get too excited," Oliver's brother told lottery officials. "I wanted confirmation."

Instead of completing other errands, the pair headed directly to the ASL Claim Center to verify that Oliver had indeed won \$500,000.

"I feel good!" the lucky winner shared.

Oliver currently has yet to make plans for his winnings.

Another lucky lottery player could win big with tonight's Mega Millions® drawing.

Climbing steadily since it was last won in September 2024, the Mega Millions jackpot is now \$740 million. It remains the eighth-largest jackpot in the multi-state draw game's history. Notably, it is also the largest Mega Millions jackpot ever offered in December.

Mega Millions tickets and other lottery products are available at licensed Arkansas lottery retailers and through retailer apps from ASL's Play on the Go partners. For more information about the Play on the Go options, visit the [Where To Play](#) page on the ASL website.

Visit [MyArkansasLottery.com](http://MyArkansasLottery.com) for more information about lottery games and how to play.

### **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 \$7.7 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 \$435 million in retailer commissions, and provided more than \$181 million in state and federal tax revenue.

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OLIVER FROM PRAIRIE COUNTY

**\$500,000**

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