



## Willowbrook Resident Wins \$1 Million Illinois Lottery Prize

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WILLOWBROOK, IL — Willowbrook resident George Remkus scratched a [\*\\$250,000,000 Cash Spectacular\*](#) ticket and instantly won a top prize of \$1,000,000. “I asked my wife to double-check my ticket because I couldn’t believe I won such a big prize!” he said when he presented his winning ticket at the Illinois Lottery Prize Center in Des Plaines.

Remkus opted to take his prize as an annuity and will receive \$50,000 (less required withholding) each year for 20 years. “It’s going to feel like I’m winning a lottery prize every year!” He plans to invest and take vacations.

The winning ticket was purchased at Shell, 2501 N. Meacham Road, in Schaumburg. The retailer received a bonus of \$10,000, equal to one percent of the prize amount, for selling the winning ticket. [\*\\$250,000,000 Cash Spectacular\*](#) is a \$10 ticket that offers \$250,000,000 in prizes, including 30 top prizes of \$1,000,000. Six of the top prizes have not been claimed. For more information, please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

### **About the Illinois Lottery**

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## Hanover Park Resident Wins \$100,000 Illinois Lottery Prize

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April 19, 2017

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HANOVER PARK, IL — Hanover Park resident Guadalupe Beltran went into the store to get a cup of coffee and came out \$100,000 richer. “Every weekend I get together with friends for coffee and we all scratch a couple of instant tickets. When I played a [100X The Cash](#) ticket and won \$100,000, I told them I would buy the next round of coffee!” He plans to pay bills and bank the remainder of his windfall.

Beltran bought his winning ticket at Mr. Quik Ezz Food Mart, 980 S. Bartlett Road, in Bartlett. The retailer received \$1,000, equal to one percent of the prize amount, for selling the winning ticket. *100X The Cash* is a \$20 instant ticket that offers more than \$124,000,000 in prizes, including eight top prizes of \$4,000,000 and 18 prizes of \$100,000. Two of the \$4,000,000 prizes and four of the \$100,000 prizes have not been claimed. For more information, please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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## Lucky Day for Woodstock Resident! Wins \$575,000 Illinois Lottery Prize

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April 10, 2017

Media Contact: Jason Schaumburg (312) 793-3034

WOODSTOCK, IL — Woodstock resident Hal Gena won a \$575,000 [Lucky Day Lotto](#) prize when his Quick Pick ticket matched all five numbers – 03 - 04 - 13 - 16 - 35 – in the Tuesday, April 4, evening drawing. When asked about his plans for the windfall he said he will pay bills and bank the remainder for now.

Gena purchased his winning ticket at Circle K, 681 W. Terra Cotta Ave., in Crystal Lake. Circle K received a bonus of \$5,750, or one percent of the prize amount, for selling the winning ticket. Two winning tickets shared the April 4 *Lucky Day Lotto* \$1,150,000 jackpot. The other \$575,000 winning ticket was sold in Palos Hills. More than 39,000 players won prizes ranging from \$1 to \$200 in this drawing. *Lucky Day Lotto* drawings are twice a day, seven days a week. For more information, please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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# Lake County Resident is Illinois' Newest Multi-Millionaire!

## *Wins \$7.25 Million Lotto Jackpot*

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April 28, 2017

Media Contact: Jason Schaumburg (312) 793-3034

ROUND LAKE BEACH, IL – Krasimir Chachev of Round Lake Beach is Illinois' newest multi-millionaire! Chachev won \$7,250,000 when his Quick Pick ticket matched all six numbers – 07 - 22 - 23 - 24 - 26 - 49 – in the Thursday, April 6, [Lotto](#) drawing.

The winning ticket was purchased at Shell, 539 W. Army Trail Road, in Addison. The retailer will receive a bonus of \$72,500, or one percent of the prize amount, for selling the winning ticket. More than 84,000 players won prizes ranging from \$1 to \$2,261.50 in this *Lotto* drawing. *Lotto* drawings are held Monday, Thursday, and Saturday at 9:22 pm. For more information, please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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# Joliet Resident Wins \$100,000 Illinois Lottery Prize

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April 25, 2017

Media Contact: Jason Schaumburg (312) 793-3034

JOLIET, IL — Joliet resident Marinko Kraljevic scratched a [100X The Money](#) ticket and instantly won \$100,000. “When I saw the prize amount, I was very surprised!” he said when he presented his ticket at the Illinois Lottery Prize Center in Des Plaines.

Kraljevic has lived in Joliet for 10 years. He bought his winning ticket at Shell, 2350 Plainfield Road, in Crest Hill, and took it home to scratch. He plans to share the windfall with his family.

Shell received a bonus of \$1,000, one percent of the prize amount, for selling the winning ticket. *100X The Money* is a \$20 instant ticket featuring four top prizes of \$4,000,000 and eight prizes of \$100,000 available to be won. Three of the \$4,000,000 prizes and six of the \$100,000 prizes have not been claimed. For more information, please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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## Sparta Resident Wins \$750,000 Illinois Lottery Prize

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April 4, 2017

Media Contact: Jason Schaumburg (312) 793-3034

SPARTA, IL — Sparta resident Monique Mullins played an [Ultimate Crossword](#) ticket and instantly won a top prize of \$750,000. “I checked over my ticket at least three times. I couldn’t believe I won such a big prize!” she said when she presented her ticket yesterday at the Illinois Lottery Prize Center in Fairview Heights.

Mullins has lived in Sparta for 30 years. She bought her winning *Ultimate Crossword* ticket at Casey’s General Store, 710 W. Broadway St., in Sparta, and was at home watching television when she scratched it. “I like the *Crossword* tickets because I enjoy taking my time to do the puzzles.” Her plans for the windfall include donating to her church, and buying a house and a car. “I also plan to donate to some of the youth programs in my community.”

Casey’s will receive \$7,500, one percent of the prize amount, for selling the winning ticket. *Ultimate Crossword* is a \$25 instant ticket featuring 10 top prizes of \$750,000, four of which have not been claimed. For more information, please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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## Rock Island Resident Wins \$50,000 Illinois Lottery Prize!

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April 18, 2017

Media Contact: Jason Schaumburg (312) 793-3034

ROCK ISLAND, IL— Rock Island resident Monnie Campbell scratched an Illinois Lottery [Bingo](#) ticket and instantly won a top prize of \$50,000. “This is a great prize! I plan to save this money for my retirement,” she said when she presented her ticket at the Illinois Lottery Prize Center in Rockford.

Campbell bought her winning ticket at Milan Liquor and Tobacco, 313 W. 10<sup>th</sup> Ave., in Milan. The retailer received a \$500 bonus, one percent of the prize amount, for selling a winning ticket. *Bingo* is a \$3 instant ticket offering 18 top prizes of \$50,000. Five of the top prizes have not been claimed. For more information, please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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## Tazewell County Resident Wins \$1 Million Illinois Lottery Prize

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April 12, 2017

Media Contact: Mike Lang (217) 524-5158

MARQUETTE HEIGHTS, IL – Marquette Heights resident Peggy Thomas scratched a [\\$300,000,000 Cash Spectacular](#) ticket and instantly won a top prize of \$1,000,000. “When I received my money from the Lottery, I went out right away and bought new cars for my two sons and my granddaughter. It felt wonderful!”

Thomas has lived in Tazewell County all her life. She was at home when she scratched her ticket and discovered her \$1,000,000 win. “I have always had a feeling that someday I would win a million dollars, so I really wasn’t shocked when it happened.” She opted to receive her prize as a one-time payment of \$600,000 (less required withholding). After meeting with a professional financial advisor, she invested the remainder of her windfall.

The winning ticket was purchased at Shell, 700 S. Main St., in Creve Coeur. The retailer received a bonus of \$10,000, equal to one percent of the prize amount, for selling the winning ticket. [\\$300,000,000 Cash Spectacular](#) is a \$10 instant ticket that offers \$300,000,000 in prizes. Of the 35 top prizes of \$1 million available to be won, 13 have not been claimed. For more information, please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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## Chicago Ridge Resident Wins \$250,000 Illinois Lottery Prize

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April 27, 2017

Media Contact: Jason Schaumburg (312) 793-3034

CHICAGO RIDGE, IL — Chicago Ridge resident Rick Dawson plans to buy a house after scratching a [\\$250,000 Crossword](#) ticket and instantly winning a top prize of \$250,000.

Dawson bought his winning ticket at 7-Eleven, 10658 S. Ridgeland Ave., in Chicago Ridge. 7-Eleven received \$2,500, one percent of the prize amount, for selling the winning ticket. *\$250,000 Crossword* is a \$10 instant ticket with a top prize of \$250,000. Of the 16 top prizes available, nine have not been claimed. For more information, please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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## Lifelong Quincy Resident Wins \$75,000 Illinois Lottery Prize

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April 20, 2017

Media Contact: Mike Lang (217) 524-5158

QUINCY, IL — Lifelong Quincy resident Robert Powell played an [Ultimate Crossword](#) ticket and instantly won \$75,000. “When I received my check from the Lottery, I took it straight to the bank. I plan to use some of the money for home renovation projects.”

Powell bought his winning ticket at Ayerco, 1801 Broadway St., in Quincy. The retailer received \$750, one percent of the prize amount, for selling the winning ticket. *Ultimate Crossword* is a \$25 instant ticket featuring top prizes of \$750,000 and \$75,000. Four of the \$750,000 prizes and 47 of the \$75,000 prizes have not been claimed. For more information, please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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## Tinley Park Resident Wins \$100,000 Illinois Lottery Prize

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April 6, 2017

Media Contact: Jason Schaumburg (312) 793-3034

TINLEY PARK, IL— Tinley Park resident Roxanne Steffen scratched an Illinois Lottery [World Class Millions](#) ticket and instantly won \$100,000.

Steffen has lived in Tinley Park for 23 years. She was at home when she scratched her ticket and discovered her win. “When I saw the prize amount, I almost fell off my chair!” She plans to share her winnings with family and complete some home improvement projects.

The winning ticket was purchased at Circle K, 8401 W. 159<sup>th</sup> St., in Tinley Park. The retailer received \$1,000, equal to one percent of the prize amount, for selling the winning ticket. *World Class Millions* is a \$30 instant ticket offering three top prizes of \$15 million, seven prizes of \$1 million, and 20 prizes of \$100,000. One of the \$15 million prizes, one of the \$1 million prizes, and five of the \$100,000 prizes have not been claimed. For more information, please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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# Lifelong Marengo Resident Wins \$50,000 Illinois Lottery Prize

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April 3, 2017

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MARENGO, IL — Lifelong Marengo resident Scott Husfeldt won a \$50,000 [Powerball](#) prize when his Quick Pick ticket matched four numbers, plus the *Powerball* number, in the Wednesday, February 15, drawing. The winning numbers were – 05 - 28 - 33 - 38 - 42 – and the *Powerball* number was 19.

Husfeldt bought his ticket at Express Lane, 308 E. Grant Highway, in Marengo. The day after the drawing, he checked the winning *Powerball* numbers in the newspaper. “I couldn’t believe it when I saw that my numbers matched, so I went back to the store to double-check my ticket.” Still not convinced he won, he then looked up the winning numbers on the Illinois Lottery website. “Now it’s finally starting to sink in!” He plans to share the windfall with his family.

“I play *Powerball* once in a while, and I always buy a ticket when the jackpot is really high,” Husfeldt said. Express Lane received a bonus of \$500, one percent of the prize amount, for selling a winning ticket. For more information about *Powerball*, please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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## **Three New Millionaires in the Chicago Area! *Illinois Lottery St. Patrick's Day Millionaire Raffle* *Winners Claim their \$1 Million Prizes***

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April 11, 2017

Media Contact: Jason Schaumburg (312) 793-3034

CHICAGO — All three \$1,000,000 winners in the Illinois Lottery *St. Patrick's Day Millionaire Raffle* have claimed their prizes. Congratulations to Christopher Gluck of Vernon Hills, William Eremia of Rolling Meadows and Norbert Michalak of Darien.

"I always buy a *Raffle* ticket because it offers the best odds for winning a million dollars, but I never imagined I would beat those odds and win!" Christopher Gluck said after discovering his win. He bought his winning ticket, bearing *Raffle* number 045610, at 7-Eleven, 145 E. Town Line Road, in Vernon Hills. He plans to invest his winnings.

William Eremia bought his *Raffle* ticket, number 170811, at Good News Gas & Food, 2059 Hicks Road, in Rolling Meadows. His plans for the windfall include buying a house.

Darien resident Norbert Michalak bought his \$1,000,000 winning *Raffle* ticket, number 063151, at Speedway, 7502 S. Cass Ave., in Darien. "I plan to invest and send my parents on a nice vacation."

7-Eleven, Good News Gas & Food, and Speedway, each received a bonus of \$10,000, one percent of the prize amount, for selling the winning ticket. The *St. Patrick's Day Millionaire Raffle* provided players a chance to win one of three (3) \$1 million prizes, 250 \$1,000 prizes, and 9,000 \$100 prizes. In all, 9,253 raffle tickets won cash prizes - the highest number of winners in Illinois raffle history. To view a complete list of this year's winning *St. Patrick's Day Millionaire Raffle* numbers, or to access the check-your-ticket option, visit the Illinois Lottery's website at [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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## Glendale Heights Resident Wins \$250,000 Illinois Lottery Prize

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April 26, 2017

Media Contact: Jason Schaumburg (312) 793-3034

GLENDALE HEIGHTS, IL — Glendale Heights resident Tanska Speight scratched a [25X The Money](#) ticket and instantly won a top prize of \$250,000. “When I saw the prize amount, I got tears in my eyes! I am so happy,” she said when she presented her winning ticket at the Illinois Lottery Prize Center in Chicago.

Speight, 43, has lived in Glendale Heights for seven years and has worked for the United States Postal Service for 20 years. She bought her winning ticket at Stratford Newstand, located in Stratford Square Mall, 152 Stratford Square, in Bloomingdale, and took it home to scratch. “I chose this ticket because it’s a new game. I think new tickets are lucky.” She plans to make a down payment on a house, help her four daughters pay for college, and buy a car.

Stratford Newstand received a bonus of \$2,500, one percent of the prize amount, for selling the winning ticket. [25X The Money](#) is a \$5 instant ticket with a top prize of \$250,000. Of the 12 top prizes available, eight have not been claimed. For more information, please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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## Bartlett Resident Wins \$100,000 Illinois Lottery Prize

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April 5, 2017

Media Contact: Jason Schaumburg (312) 793-3034

BARTLETT, IL — Bartlett resident Tom Canham went into the store to get a cup of coffee and came out \$100,000 richer. “When I saw the [100X The Cash](#) lottery ticket, I decided to try it, and I won!”

Canham, 55, bought his winning ticket at 7-Eleven, 2759 N. Harlem Ave., in Chicago, and was in his car when he scratched it and discovered his win. “I buy a few instant tickets each week, and I play *Powerball* and *Mega Millions* when the jackpot is really high.” He plans to pay bills, invest, and take a vacation.

7-Eleven received \$1,000, equal to one percent of the prize amount, for selling the winning ticket. *100X The Cash* is a \$20 instant ticket that offers more than \$124,000,000 in prizes, including eight top prizes of \$4,000,000 and 18 prizes of \$100,000. Two of the \$4,000,000 prizes and five of the \$100,000 prizes have not been claimed. For more information, please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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## Libertyville Resident Wins \$75,000 Illinois Lottery Prize

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April 13, 2017

Media Contact: Jason Schaumburg (312) 793-3034

LIBERTYVILLE, IL — Libertyville resident Tom Vernon played an [Ultimate Crossword](#) ticket and instantly won \$75,000. “I plan to invest this money wisely,” he said when he presented his ticket at the Illinois Lottery Prize Center in Des Plaines.

Vernon bought his winning ticket at Mobil, 1060 E. Park Ave., in Libertyville. The retailer received \$750, one percent of the prize amount, for selling the winning ticket. *Ultimate Crossword* is a \$25 instant ticket featuring top prizes of \$750,000 and \$75,000. Four of the \$750,000 prizes and 47 of the \$75,000 prizes have not been claimed. For more information, please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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## Moweaqua Resident Wins \$500,000 Illinois Lottery Prize

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August 8, 2017

Media Contact: Mike Lang (217) 524-5158

MOWEAQUA, IL — Moweaqua resident Alvin Butler scratched a [Towering 10's](#) ticket and instantly won \$500,000. "This is a huge shock!" he said when he presented his ticket at the Illinois Lottery Prize Center in Springfield.

Butler has lived in Moweaqua for more than 18 years. He was at Raiders Marathon, 310 N. Main St., in Moweaqua, when he bought and scratched his winning ticket. His plans for the windfall include paying bills. "It will feel great to be out of debt."

Raiders Marathon received \$5,000, one percent of the prize amount, for selling the winning ticket. *Towering 10's* is a \$10 instant ticket featuring three top prizes of \$500,000, all of which have been claimed. For more information, please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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# Roselle Resident Wins \$50,000 Powerball Prize

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August 9, 2017

Media Contact: Mike Lang (217) 524-5158

ROSELLE, IL — Roselle resident Antonino Tomasello won a \$50,000 [Powerball](#) prize when his Quick Pick ticket matched four numbers, plus the *Powerball* number, in the Wednesday, July 12, drawing. The winning numbers were – 01 - 02 - 18 - 23 - 61 – and the *Powerball* number was 09. “I’m going to spend this money on my family,” he said when presented his ticket at the Illinois Lottery Prize Center in Des Plaines.

The winning ticket was purchased at Bockwinkel’s, 222 N. Columbus Drive, in Chicago. The retailer received a bonus of \$500, one percent of the prize amount, for selling a winning ticket. *Powerball* drawings are at 9:59 PM (CT) every Wednesday and Saturday. For more information, please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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# Tazewell County Resident Wins \$50,000 Powerball Prize

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August 17, 2017

Media Contact: Mike Lang (217) 524-5158

MARQUETTE HEIGHTS, IL — Marquette Heights resident Daniel Quisenberry checked the winning [Powerball](#) numbers on the Illinois Lottery website, and discovered he was a \$50,000 winner! His Quick Pick ticket matched four numbers, plus the *Powerball* number, to win a \$50,000 prize in the Saturday, July 29, drawing. The winning numbers were – 01 - 28 - 40 - 45 - 48 – and the *Powerball* number was 12.

“I’m going to put this money in the bank for now,” Quisenberry said when he presented his ticket at the Illinois Lottery Prize Center in Springfield. The winning ticket was purchased at Little Grocery, 200 McKinley St., in East Peoria. The retailer received a bonus of \$500, one percent of the prize amount, for selling a winning ticket. *Powerball* drawings are at 9:59 PM (CT) every Wednesday and Saturday. For more information, please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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# Harvey Resident Wins \$250,000 Illinois Lottery Prize

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August 11, 2017

Media Contact: Mike Lang (217) 524-5158

HARVEY, IL— Harvey resident Dell Palmer played a [Full of \\$500's](#) ticket and instantly won a top prize of \$250,000. “This is a so exciting! I’m going to buy a house with this money,” she said when she presented her ticket at the Illinois Lottery Prize Center in Chicago.

Palmer bought her winning *Full of \$500's* ticket at 95<sup>th</sup> Mobil and Food Mart, 4 E. 95<sup>th</sup> St., in Chicago. She was in her car when she scratched her ticket and discovered her \$250,000 win. The retailer received a \$2,500 bonus, 1 percent of the prize amount, for selling the winning ticket.

*Full of \$500's* is a \$5 instant ticket featuring five top prizes of \$250,000, three of which have not been claimed. For more information, please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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# **Largest Prize in Illinois Lottery History is claimed!**

## ***Palos Heights Resident Wins \$393 million Mega Millions Jackpot***

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

August 25, 2017

Media Contact: Christopher Gallo [christopher.gallo@illinois.gov](mailto:christopher.gallo@illinois.gov)

CHICAGO, IL — Palos Heights resident Patricia Busking became the winner of the largest prize in Illinois Lottery history when the second line of numbers on her \$5 Quick Pick ticket matched all six numbers – 23 - 33 - 53 - 56 - 58 - (06) – in the Friday, August 11, *Mega Millions* drawing. Today, at the James R. Thompson Center in Chicago, Illinois Lottery officials presented Busking a \$393 million ceremonial check to commemorate her history-making win.

Busking, a retired health care worker, and her husband, Joe, have lived in Palos Heights for 13 years. She was at home the morning after the drawing when Joe heard on the radio that the jackpot-winning *Mega Millions* ticket was purchased in Palos Heights. She rushed to check the winning numbers in the newspaper and was stunned to see that they matched the numbers on her ticket. She immediately signed the back of the ticket, becoming the single largest *Mega Millions* prize winner in Illinois Lottery history.

After spending a week consulting with family members and professional financial advisors, Busking was ready to come forward and claim her prize, which she opted to take as a one-time payment of \$246 million. She plans to share the money with her family and friends, and donate to her favorite charities.

An occasional *Mega Millions* and *Powerball* player, Busking said she buys tickets when the jackpots are really high, and always buys Quick Picks. She bought her winning ticket at Nick's Barbecue, 12658 S. Harlem Ave., in Palos Heights, when she and Joe decided to stop there to buy steak sandwiches for dinner. "We were in the right place at the right time!"

Nick's Barbecue will receive a \$500,000 bonus for selling the winning ticket. This jackpot is the fifth largest in *Mega Millions* history and rolled 30 times since it was last won Friday, April 28. For more information, please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

### Quick *Mega Millions* Facts

- Jackpots start at \$15 million
- Overall odds of winning the jackpot 1:258,890,850
- Drawings are at 10 p.m. (CT) every Tuesday and Friday

- Previous Mega Millions jackpot winning ticket sold in Illinois include:
  - March 2012, \$219 million (\$656 million jackpot split 3 ways – Maryland, Kansas & Illinois) winning ticket sold in Red Bud
  - January 2015, \$270 million jackpot winning ticket sold in Naperville
  - June 2015, \$260 million jackpot winning ticket sold in Blue Island
  - September 2016, \$133 million jackpot winning ticket sold in Tuscola

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## Lifelong Pike County Resident Wins \$75,000 Illinois Lottery Prize

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

August 30, 2017

Media Contact: Mike Lang (217) 524-5158

PITTSFIELD, IL — Lifelong Pittsfield resident George Hoos played an Illinois Lottery [Ultimate Crossword](#) ticket and instantly won \$75,000.

Hoos, now retired, was a custodian at Pittsfield High School for 32 years. When asked about his plans for the windfall, he said, "I am going to enjoy spending it!"

The winning ticket was purchased at Jiffi Stop, 105 S. Jackson St., in Pittsfield. The retailer received \$750, one percent of the prize amount, for selling the winning ticket. *Ultimate Crossword* is a \$25 instant ticket featuring top prizes of \$750,000 and \$75,000. Three of the \$750,000 prizes and 32 of the \$75,000 prizes have not been claimed. For more information, please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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## Cicero Resident Wins \$75,000 Illinois Lottery Prize

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

August 4, 2017

Media Contact: Mike Lang (217) 524-5158

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CICERO, IL— Cicero resident Jesus Velazquez scratched an Illinois Lottery [Crossword](#) ticket and instantly won a top prize of \$75,000. “I asked everyone in my family to check and re-check my ticket. We couldn’t believe I won such a big prize!”

Velazquez bought his *Crossword* ticket out of the lottery self-service machine at Shell, 5147 W. Roosevelt Road, in Cicero, and took it home to scratch. He plans to put the money in the bank.

The retailer received a \$750 bonus, equal to one percent of the prize amount, for selling the winning ticket. *Crossword* is a \$5 instant ticket offering 42 top prizes of \$75,000, 16 of which have not been claimed. For more information, please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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## Lucky Day for Streamwood Resident, Wins \$150,000 Illinois Lottery Prize!

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

August 29, 2017

Media Contact: Christopher Gallo [christopher.gallo@illinois.gov](mailto:christopher.gallo@illinois.gov)

STREAMWOOD, IL — Streamwood resident Jung Oh won a \$150,000 [Lucky Day Lotto](#) prize when his \$1 Quick Pick ticket matched all five numbers – 06 - 09 - 13 - 30 - 33 – in the Friday, July 21, evening drawing.

Oh discovered his \$150,000 win when he checked the winning *Lucky Day Lotto* numbers on the Illinois Lottery website. His plans for the windfall include paying bills and investing.

The winning ticket was purchased at BP, 1236 E. Irving Park Road, in Streamwood. The retailer received a bonus of \$1,500, or one percent of the prize amount, for selling the winning ticket. More than 13,700 players won prizes ranging from \$1 to \$200 in this drawing. *Lucky Day Lotto* drawings are twice a day, seven days a week. For more information, please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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## **McHenry County Resident is Illinois' Newest Multi-Millionaire! Wins \$4.5 Million Lotto Jackpot**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

August 1, 2017

Media Contact: Mike Lang (217) 524-5158

CRYSTAL LAKE, IL – Lynn Pawelek of Crystal Lake is Illinois' newest multi-millionaire! Pawelek won a \$4,500,000 jackpot prize when her [Lotto](#) ticket matched all six numbers – 05 - 09 - 11 - 27 - 42 - 48 – in the Saturday, June 10, drawing.

Pawelek discovered her win when she checked the winning *Lotto* numbers on the Illinois Lottery website. 'When I realized my numbers matched, I couldn't catch my breath!' Her plans for the money include paying bills, donating to her favorite charity, and investing.

Woodman's Market, 2100 Randall Road, in Carpentersville, will receive a bonus of \$45,000, or one percent of the prize amount, for selling the winning ticket. More than 77,000 players won prizes ranging from \$1 to \$1,249 in this *Lotto* drawing. *Lotto* drawings are held Monday, Thursday, and Saturday at 9:22 pm. For more information, please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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# Lockport Resident Wins \$50,000 Powerball Prize

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

August 15, 2017

Media Contact: Mike Lang (217) 524-5158

LOCKPORT, IL — Lockport resident Marina Malloy won a \$50,000 [Powerball](#) prize when her Quick Pick ticket matched four numbers, plus the *Powerball* number, in the Saturday, June 3, drawing. The winning numbers were – 03 - 09 - 21 - 41 - 54 – and the *Powerball* number was 25.

Malloy has lived in Lockport for over 15 years. She has four children and six grandchildren. “I’m going to pay bills and put the rest of this money in the bank,” she said when she presented her ticket at the Illinois Lottery Prize Center in Des Plaines.

A regular *Powerball* player, Malloy said she buys a ticket twice a month. She bought her \$50,000 winning ticket at Speedway, 314 S. State St., in Lockport. The retailer received a bonus of \$500, one percent of the prize amount, for selling a winning ticket. *Powerball* drawings are at 9:59 PM (CT) every Wednesday and Saturday. For more information, please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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## New Lenox Resident Wins \$550,000 Illinois Lottery Prize!

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
August 3, 2017

Media Contact: Mike Lang (217) 524-5158

NEW LENOX, IL — New Lenox resident Patrick Kennedy won a \$550,000 [Lucky Day Lotto](#) jackpot prize when his Quick Pick ticket matched all five numbers – 07 - 12 - 33 - 42 - 43 – in the Friday, June 30, midday drawing. “I’m going to share this money with my family,” he said when he presented his ticket at the Illinois Lottery Prize Center in Des Plaines.

The winning ticket was purchased at Jewel-Osco, 2021 E. Laraway, in New Lenox. The retailer received a bonus of \$5,500, or one percent of the prize amount, for selling the winning ticket. More than 11,900 players won prizes ranging from \$1 to \$200 in this *Lucky Day Lotto* drawing. *Lucky Day Lotto* drawings are twice a day, seven days a week. For more information, please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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## Villa Park Resident Wins \$100,000 Illinois Lottery Prize

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

August 2, 2017

Media Contact: Mike Lang (217) 524-5158

VILLA PARK, IL — Villa Park resident Rick Poppert scratched a [100X The Cash](#) ticket and instantly won \$100,000. “I couldn’t believe it! I re-checked my ticket at least five times,” he said when he presented his winning ticket at the Illinois Lottery Prize Center in Des Plaines. He plans to pay bills and put the remainder of the windfall in the bank.

The winning ticket was purchased at Mobil, 1 E. St. Charles Road, in Villa Park. The retailer received \$1,000, equal to one percent of the prize amount, for selling the winning ticket. *100X The Cash* is a \$20 instant ticket that offers more than \$124,000,000 in prizes, including eight top prizes of \$4,000,000 and 18 prizes of \$100,000. One of the \$4,000,000 prizes and two of the \$100,000 prizes have not been claimed. For more information, please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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# Chicago Resident Offers Advice after Winning \$250,000 Illinois Lottery Prize

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

August 31, 2017

Media Contact: Christopher Gallo [christopher.gallo@illinois.gov](mailto:christopher.gallo@illinois.gov)

CHICAGO, IL — “My advice to other lottery players is that they shouldn’t give up on their favorite game!” Chicago resident Rodolfo Torres said after scratching an Illinois Lottery [\\$250,000 Crossword](#) ticket and instantly winning a top prize of \$250,000.

Torres was at Midway Shell, 4900 S. Cicero Ave., in Chicago, when he bought and scratched his winning ticket. “When the clerk confirmed I won, we both started jumping and screaming!” He plans to invest the money for his three children to go to college.

Midway Shell received \$2,500, 1 percent of the prize amount, for selling the winning ticket. *\$250,000 Crossword* is a \$10 instant ticket with a top prize of \$250,000. Of the 32 top prizes available, 16 have not been claimed. For more information, please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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## Lifelong Glenview Resident Wins \$5 Million Illinois Lottery Prize

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

August 22, 2017

Media Contact: Christopher Gallo [christopher.gallo@illinois.gov](mailto:christopher.gallo@illinois.gov)

GLENVIEW, IL— Lifelong Glenview resident Thomas Holloway played a [Million \\$\\$ Match](#) ticket and instantly won a top prize of \$5,000,000. “I have already met with financial planners and I am going to invest this money wisely,” he said when he presented his winning ticket at the Illinois Lottery Prize Center in Des Plaines.

Holloway was at Jewel, 1340 Patriot Blvd., in Glenview, when he bought his *Million \$\$ Match* ticket out of the lottery self-service machine, and scratched it. “I was shocked when I saw the \$5,000,000 prize amount!” He chose to take his prize as a one-time lump sum payment of \$3,000,000.

Jewel received a \$50,000 bonus, 1 percent of the prize amount, for selling a winning ticket. *Million \$\$ Match* is a \$30 instant ticket featuring three top prizes of \$5,000,000, five prizes of \$1,000,000 and 14 prizes of \$100,000. Two of the \$5,000,000 prizes, four of the \$1,000,000 prizes, and 9 of the \$100,000 prizes, have not been claimed. For more information, please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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# Winnebago County Resident Wins \$5 Million Illinois Lottery Prize

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

December 6, 2017

Media Contact: Jason Schaumburg (312) 793-3034

CHERRY VALLEY, IL— Cherry Valley resident Lloyd Sprecher played a [Million \\$\\$ Match](#) ticket and instantly won a top prize of \$5,000,000. “I buy two or three tickets each week. I certainly chose the right one this time!” he said when he presented his winning ticket at the Illinois Lottery Prize Center in Rockford.

Sprecher has lived in Cherry Valley for more than 27 years. He was at Fas Mart, 2406 S. Bell School Road, in Cherry Valley, when he bought and scratched his \$5,000,000 winning ticket. “I signed the back of my ticket right away.” His plans for the money include home improvement projects, donating to his favorite charity, and investing.

Fas Mart received a \$50,000 bonus, one percent of the prize amount, for selling the winning ticket. *Million \$\$ Match* is a \$30 instant ticket featuring three top prizes of \$5,000,000, five prizes of \$1,000,000 and 14 prizes of \$100,000. One of the \$5,000,000 prizes, three of the \$1,000,000 prizes, and seven of the \$100,000 prizes have not been claimed. For more information, please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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## Westchester Resident Wins \$200,000 Illinois Lottery Prize

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

February 3, 2017

Media Contact: Jason Schaumburg (312) 793-3034

WESTCHESTER, IL— Westchester resident Alvaro Ortega scratched an Illinois Lottery [Bingo](#) ticket and instantly won \$200,000. “I feel very lucky that I won this prize,” he said when he presented his winning ticket at the Illinois Lottery Prize Center in Des Plaines.

Ortega, 37, has lived in Westchester for five years. He was at home when he played his *Bingo* ticket and discovered his win. He plans to share the windfall with his family and invest.

An occasional lottery player, Ortega said he buys two or three instant tickets each week. His largest win prior to this was \$100. He bought his \$200,000 winning *Bingo* ticket at 7-Eleven, 6440 W. Diversey Ave., in Chicago. 7-Eleven received a \$2,000 bonus, one percent of the prize amount, for selling a winning ticket. *Bingo* is a \$5 instant ticket featuring top prizes of \$200,000. For more information, please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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## Lucky Day for Rockford Resident! Wins \$225,000 Illinois Lottery Prize

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

February 15, 2017

Media Contact: Jason Schaumburg (312) 793-3034

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ROCKFORD, IL — Lifelong Rockford resident Dennis Bragelman won a \$225,000 [Lucky Day Lotto](#) jackpot prize when his Quick Pick ticket matched all five numbers – 11 - 13 - 21 - 24 - 27 – in the Saturday, August 27, evening drawing.

The day after the drawing, Bragelman checked the winning *Lucky Day Lotto* numbers on the Illinois Lottery website and discovered his win. “I met with my financial adviser right away.” His plans for the windfall include investing and buying his wife a new car.

An occasional lottery player, Bragelman said that when he plays *Lucky Day Lotto*, he always buys Quick Picks. He bought his winning ticket at 320 Store, 320 N. Court St., in Rockford. The retailer received a bonus of \$2,250, or one percent of the prize amount, for selling the winning ticket.

Two winning tickets split the August 27 \$550,000 *Lucky Day Lotto* jackpot. The other winning ticket, also a Quick Pick, was sold in Morris. More than 26,000 players won prizes ranging from \$1 to \$200 in this *Lucky Day Lotto* evening drawing. *Lucky Day Lotto* drawings are twice a day, seven days a week. For more information, please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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# **Benton Resident is Illinois' Newest Multi-Millionaire!**

## ***Wins \$11.25 Million Lotto Jackpot***

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

February 23, 2017

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BENTON, IL – Donald Wendell of Benton is Illinois' newest multi-millionaire! Wendell won \$11,250,000 when his \$1 Quick Pick ticket matched all six numbers – 02 - 21 - 33 - 36 - 37 - 41 -- in the Monday, February 13, [Lotto](#) drawing. "I think I'm in shock!" he said when he presented his winning ticket at the Illinois Lottery Prize Center in Fairview Heights.

Wendell has lived in Benton for 16 years. He was at Circle K, 224 N. Main St., in Benton, putting gas in his truck when he bought the winning ticket. "I buy a ticket once or twice a week and I always joke with the clerks and say, 'You sold me the winning ticket, right?' Well this time they actually did!" The day after the drawing, he heard the news that the local Circle K sold a jackpot winning *Lotto* ticket. He immediately returned to the store to check his ticket. "When I saw that I had all of the numbers, I got goosebumps from head to toe!" His plans for the windfall include helping in his community, donating to a favorite charity, and investing.

Circle K will receive a bonus of \$112,500, one percent of the prize amount, for selling the winning ticket. More than 68,700 players won prizes ranging from \$1 to \$3,500 in this *Lotto* drawing. *Lotto* drawings are held Monday, Thursday, and Saturday at 9:22 pm. For more information, please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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## **Bolingbrook Resident Wins \$250,000 Illinois Lottery Prize**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
February 24, 2017

Media Contact: Jason Schaumburg (312) 793-3034

BOLINGBROOK, IL — Bolingbrook resident Harley Price scratched a [\*25X The Money\*](#) ticket and instantly won a top prize of \$250,000. “I tried this ticket because it’s new, so I thought it would be lucky. It turns out I was right!” he said when he presented his winning ticket at the Illinois Lottery Prize Center in Des Plaines.

Price was at Geneva Marathon, 1501 E. State St., in Geneva, when he bought and scratched his ticket. He plans to pay bills. The retailer received a bonus of \$2,500, one percent of the prize amount, for selling the winning ticket. *25X The Money* is a \$5 instant ticket with a top prize of \$250,000. Of the six top prizes available, three have not yet been claimed. For more information, please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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# Waterloo Resident Wins \$50,000 Illinois Lottery Prize

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February 21, 2017

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WATERLOO, IL — Waterloo resident Jackie Pleimann won a \$50,000 [Powerball](#) prize when her Quick Pick ticket matched four numbers, plus the *Powerball* number, in the Saturday, February 11, drawing. The winning numbers were – 05 - 09 - 17 - 37 - 64 – and the *Powerball* number was 02.

Pleimann, 29, has lived in Waterloo for 17 years. She discovered her win when she used the Illinois Lottery app on her phone to check the winning *Powerball* numbers. She plans to use her windfall to pay off student loans.

“I play *Powerball* once or twice a month, and I always buy Quick Pick tickets.” She bought her \$50,000 winning ticket at Phillips 66, 1000 N. Route 3 in Waterloo. The retailer received a bonus of \$500, one percent of the prize amount, for selling a winning ticket. For more information about *Powerball*, please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

## About the Illinois Lottery

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## Joliet Resident Wins \$75,000 Illinois Lottery Prize

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

February 1, 2017

Media Contact: Jason Schaumburg (312) 793-3034

JOLIET, IL — Joliet resident Larry Seeman played an [Ultimate Crossword](#) ticket and instantly won \$75,000. “I know someone who won a \$750,000 top prize on this game, so I thought I should try a ticket. I can’t believe I won a big prize too!” he said when he presented his winning ticket at the Illinois Lottery Prize Center in Des Plaines.

Seeman, 47, has lived in Joliet for 20 years. He plans to put his windfall in the bank. He bought his winning *Ultimate Crossword* ticket at Scott Mart, 356 N. Scott St., in Joliet. The retailer received \$750, one percent of the prize amount, for selling the winning ticket. *Ultimate Crossword* is a \$25 instant ticket featuring top prizes of \$750,000 and \$75,000. For more information, please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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## Villa Park Resident Wins \$50,000 Illinois Lottery Prize

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

February 10, 2017

Media Contact: Jason Schaumburg (312) 793-3034

VILLA PARK, IL— Villa Park resident Mary Chandler scratched an Illinois Lottery [Crossword](#) ticket and instantly won \$50,000.

Chandler, 60, was at Jewel, 4 E. Ogden Ave., in Westmont, when she bought her winning *Crossword* ticket out of the self-service lottery dispensing machine and scratched it. “I thought I won \$1,000, so I signed the back of my ticket right away, and then I put it in my purse.” At home later that evening, she double-checked her ticket and realized she actually had won \$50,000. “I was so surprised!” Her plans for the money are to spend some, save some, and pay bills.

Jewel received a \$500 bonus, equal to one percent of the prize amount, for selling the winning ticket. *Crossword* is a \$3 instant ticket offering 13 top prizes of \$50,000. For more information, please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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# ***Illinois Lottery Launches New Special Olympics Game***

*Proceeds Support Special Olympic Sports Programs in Illinois*

## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

February 14, 2017

Media Contact: Jason Schaumburg, (312) 793-3034

CHICAGO, IL – In front of an enthusiastic crowd at Chicago’s historic Soldier Field, the Illinois Lottery, along with Special Olympics Illinois, Special Children’s Charities and the Illinois Department of Human Services, unveiled the newest version of The Special Olympics Ticket - a unique lottery instant game benefiting Special Olympics sports training programs across Illinois.

Soldier Field is a significant venue in Special Olympics history. It played host to the first-ever Special Olympics competition nearly 50 years ago – July 20, 1968. One thousand athletes from the United States and Canada participated.

“There’s no better place to showcase the new Special Olympics lottery ticket than Soldier Field,” Illinois Lottery Director Gregory Smith said. “We’re proud to help Special Olympics athletes across Illinois through sales of this ticket and to partner with Special Olympics Illinois and Special Children’s Charities to help further the cause.”

The first-in-the-nation Special Olympics Ticket, created in 2014 by the Illinois General Assembly, costs \$3, and has raised more than \$1.5 million since 2015 to benefit programs serving more than 40,000 Special Olympics athletes in Illinois. The game offers three top instant prizes of \$50,000. All proceeds benefit Special Olympics sports training programs statewide.

“Organizations like Special Olympics allow Illinoisans with disabilities to hone their talents and strengths and build their confidence while promoting a healthy lifestyle,” Illinois Department of Human Services Secretary James Dimas said. “Funds made available through The Special Olympics Ticket will help Illinois athletes to form new skills, embark on new friendships, spend time with their families and have the opportunity to be included and recognized in their communities.”

“We are incredibly grateful to continue our relationship with the Illinois Lottery, which allows Special Olympics Illinois to transform the lives of both current and future generations of Special Olympics athletes,” Special Olympics Illinois President & CEO Dave Breen said. “Funds raised from the ticket will lead to further innovation and program growth, and expand opportunities for individuals with intellectual disabilities, their families and volunteers throughout Illinois.”

“Special Children’s Charities appreciates the ongoing support of the Illinois Lottery and is grateful to every individual who purchases the Special Olympics Lottery ticket,” said Kevin Magnuson, president of Special Children’s Charities. “Our 6,800 Chicago athletes enjoy year-round programs and the opportunity to build friendships, gain confidence and learn true sportsmanship. Through this partnership, we are able to build a community of acceptance and inclusion for all.”

The Special Olympics Ticket is available at nearly 8,000 Illinois Lottery retailers throughout the state and is one of five special cause instant games offered by the Illinois Lottery. Other specialty games contribute funding for Illinois veterans,

the fight against breast cancer, assistance for people living with HIV/AIDS, and research efforts into the cause and cure of Multiple Sclerosis. Since 2006, when the first specialty cause instant game was introduced, the Illinois Lottery has transferred more than \$43 million for causes players have supported through their ticket purchases. For more information on The Special Olympics Ticket game please visit [IllinoisLottery.com](http://IllinoisLottery.com).

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**About Special Olympics Illinois**

Special Olympics Illinois is a not-for-profit organization offering year-round training and competition in 19 sports for more than 22,000 traditional athletes with intellectual disabilities and more than 20,000 Young Athletes ages 2-7 with and without intellectual disabilities. Special Olympics transforms the lives of people with intellectual disabilities, allowing them to realize their full potential in sports and in life. Special Olympics programs enhance physical fitness, motor skills, self-confidence, social skills and encourage family and community support. If you are interested in learning more about Special Olympics Illinois, volunteering or providing financial support to help make Special Olympics programs possible, contact your local Special Olympics agency, call 800-394-0562 or visit our website at [www.soill.org](http://www.soill.org).

**About Special Children's Charities**

Special Children's Charities has been supporting Special Olympics Chicago programs since 1969. Created by Jack McHugh, Special Children's Charities' primary mission is to promote, foster and encourage physical and mental health and improvement for children and adults with intellectual disabilities and closely related developmental disabilities. More information can be found at [sochicago.org](http://sochicago.org).



## Lifelong Granite City Resident Wins \$75,000 Illinois Lottery Prize

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

February 2, 2017

Media Contact: Jason Schaumburg (312) 793-3034

GRANITE CITY, IL — Lifelong Granite City resident Richard Dooley played an [Ultimate Crossword](#) ticket and instantly won \$75,000. “This is great! I’ve been wanting to do some home improvement projects, and now I can,” he said when he presented his ticket at the Illinois Lottery Prize Center in Fairview Heights.

Dooley, 44, was at home watching a football game on television when he scratched his *Ultimate Crossword* ticket and discovered his win. He bought his winning ticket at Parkside Market, 3202 Maryville Road, in Granite City. Parkside Market received \$750, one percent of the prize amount, for selling the winning ticket. *Ultimate Crossword* is a \$25 instant ticket featuring top prizes of \$750,000 and \$75,000. For more information, please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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## Danville Resident Wins \$250,000 Illinois Lottery Prize

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
February 13, 2017

Media Contact: Jason Schaumburg (312) 793-3034

DANVILLE, IL — Danville resident Ronald Murdock played an Illinois Lottery [WPT Texas Hold 'Em](#) ticket and instantly won a top prize of \$250,000.

Murdock and his wife, Holly, have lived in Danville for 12 years. He was at Casey's General Store, 1900 Georgetown Road, in Tilton, when he bought and scratched his winning ticket. "I had the clerk double check my ticket for me. I couldn't believe I won a quarter of a million dollars!" He plans to spend the windfall on a house and a car.

Casey's received \$2,500, one percent of the prize amount, for selling the winning ticket. *WPT Texas Hold 'Em* is a \$5 instant ticket featuring three top prizes of \$250,000, one of which has not yet been claimed. For more information, please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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## Wheaton Resident Wins \$250,000 Illinois Lottery Prize

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
February 17, 2017

Media Contact: Jason Schaumburg (312) 793-3034  
To request a high resolution photo, please email [photos@northstarlottery.net](mailto:photos@northstarlottery.net).

WHEATON, IL — Wheaton resident Sandy McDuffee plans to buy a house after scratching a [\\$250,000 Crossword](#) ticket and instantly winning a top prize of \$250,000.

McDuffee bought her winning ticket at 7-Eleven, 0S027 Winfield Road, in Winfield. "I like the *Crossword* ticket because it takes a while to play and it's entertaining." Initially thinking she had won a \$25,000 prize, she asked the clerk to scan her ticket and confirm her win. "I was shocked when the clerk said I actually won \$250,000. I started shaking like a leaf!" She immediately signed the back of the ticket, put it in her purse, and drove to the Illinois Lottery Prize Center in Des Plaines to claim her prize.

7-Eleven received \$2,500, one percent of the prize amount, for selling the winning ticket. *\$250,000 Crossword* is a \$10 instant ticket with a top prize of \$250,000. Of the 16 top prizes available, 12 have not yet been claimed. For more information, please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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## Champaign Resident Wins \$1 Million Illinois Lottery Prize



*Scott Beulin holds his \$1,000,000 winning ticket*

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

February 27, 2017

Media Contact: Mike Lang (217) 524-5158

To request a high resolution photo, please email [photos@northstarlottery.net](mailto:photos@northstarlottery.net).

CHAMPAIGN, IL — A quick stop at a gas station to get a cup of coffee resulted in a \$1,000,000 Illinois Lottery win for Scott Beulin. The lifelong Champaign resident was at the counter paying for his coffee when he saw the [\\$250,000,000 Cash Spectacular](#) ticket. “I got this sudden, strong feeling that I should buy one, so I did, and then I scratched it and won a million dollars!”

Beulin, a self-employed construction worker, plans to spend his winnings on a house. “I also plan to make some wise investments and I already met with a financial advisor.” He opted to receive his prize as a one-time payment of \$600,000 (less required withholding).

An occasional lottery player, Beulin said he buys an instant ticket once or twice a month. He bought his \$1,000,000 winning ticket at Circle K, 2315 W. Springfield Ave., in Champaign. The retailer received a bonus of

\$10,000, equal to one percent of the prize amount, for selling the winning ticket. *\$250,000,000 Cash Spectacular* is a \$10 ticket that offers \$250,000,000 in prizes, including 30 top prizes of \$1,000,000, seven of which have not yet been claimed. For more information, please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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## Three New Illinois Millionaires Coming Soon! Illinois Lottery's *St. Patrick's Day Raffle* On Sale Feb. 10

### For Immediate Release

Media Contact: Jason Schaumburg (312) 793-3034

**CHICAGO, IL** — February 9, 2017 – The Illinois Lottery's *St. Patrick's Day Millionaire Raffle* is returning, and it will include the most winners in Illinois raffle history and the best current odds to win \$1 million.

Beginning tomorrow (February 10), lottery players 18 years and older will be able to purchase tickets to the popular raffle game at nearly 8,000 retailers throughout the state. Raffle tickets cost \$20 each and will remain on sale through March 17 - or until all 400,000 available tickets are sold.

The *St. Patrick's Day Millionaire Raffle* provides players a chance to win one of three (3) \$1 million prizes, 250 \$1,000 prizes, and 9,000 \$100 prizes. One out of every 43 tickets will be a winner. In all, 9,253 Lottery players will win prizes.

*St. Patrick's Day Millionaire Raffle* is played like a typical raffle game with a finite number of tickets and prizes. Each \$20 raffle ticket contains a unique number generated by the Lottery terminal. Raffle tickets are sold in sequential order throughout the state, beginning at 3:30 a.m. CST on February 10 with ticket number 000001. To win one of the 9,253 prizes to be awarded in the raffle, a player's raffle ticket must exactly match one of the 9,253 winning numbers selected in the drawing.

This year's *St. Patrick's Day Millionaire Raffle* drawing will be held March 17, 2017. Winning raffle numbers will be available on the Illinois Lottery's website at [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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## Belleville Resident Wins \$100,000 Illinois Lottery Prize

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

February 7, 2017

Media Contact: Jason Schaumburg (312) 793-3034

BELLEVILLE, IL— Belleville resident Tim Zolman scratched an Illinois Lottery [World Class Millions](#) ticket and instantly won \$100,000.

Zolman, a lifelong resident of St. Clair County, bought his winning ticket at Schnucks, 110 Carlyle Plaza Drive, in Belleville. "I buy one or two tickets every week just to try my luck." He was in his car in the store parking lot when he used a coin to scratch his ticket and discovered his \$100,000 win. He plans to pay bills and put the remainder of his windfall in the bank.

Schnucks received \$1,000, equal to one percent of the prize amount, for selling the winning ticket. *World Class Millions* is a \$30 instant ticket offering three top prizes of \$15 million, seven prizes of \$1 million, and 20 prizes of \$100,000. One of the \$15 million prizes, two of the \$1 million prizes, and seven of the \$100,000 prizes have not yet been claimed. For more information, please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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## Arlington Heights Resident Wins \$250,000 Illinois Lottery Prize

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
February 8, 2017

Media Contact: Jason Schaumburg (312) 793-3034

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS, IL — Arlington Heights resident Valeriy Yermolenko plans to go on a tropical vacation after scratching a [\\$250,000 Crossword](#) ticket and instantly winning a top prize of \$250,000.

An occasional lottery player, Yermolenko said he buys one or two instant tickets each month. He was in Chicago visiting family when he purchased his winning *\$250,000 Crossword* ticket at 7-Eleven, 2619 N. Clark St. “My heart started racing when I saw that I won \$250,000! I couldn’t believe my luck!” When he received his Illinois Lottery check, he immediately deposited his winnings in the bank. He plans to buy a house when he returns from his vacation.

7-Eleven received \$2,500, one percent of the prize amount, for selling the winning ticket. *\$250,000 Crossword* is a \$10 instant ticket with a top prize of \$250,000. For more information, please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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# Bolingbrook Resident Wins \$50,000 Illinois Lottery Prize

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

February 6, 2017

Media Contact: Jason Schaumburg, (312) 793-3034

BOLINGBROOK, IL — Bolingbrook resident Victor Rodriguez won a \$50,000 [Powerball](#) prize when his Quick Pick ticket matched four numbers, plus the *Powerball* number, in the Saturday, January 28, drawing. The winning numbers were – 12 - 20 - 39 - 49 - 69 – and the Powerball number was 17.

“I feel very lucky to have won this prize,” Rodriguez said. He plans to use his windfall to pay for college tuition. He bought his winning ticket at Stop 24 Liquors, 319 S. Veterans Parkway, in Bolingbrook. The retailer received a bonus of \$500, one percent of the prize amount, for selling a winning ticket. For more information about *Powerball*, please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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# Glendale Heights Resident Wins \$200,000 Illinois Lottery Prize!

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
January 26, 2017

Media Contact: Jason Schaumburg (312) 793-3034

GLENDALE HEIGHTS, IL — Glendale Heights resident Alfredo Perez scratched an Illinois Lottery [Season's Greetings](#) ticket and instantly won a top prize of \$200,000.

Perez has lived in Glendale Heights for 10 years. He was at home when he used a penny to scratch his ticket and discovered his win. He plans to share the money with his family, pay bills and invest.

The winning ticket was purchased at Clark, 168 N. Addison Ave., in Elmhurst. The retailer received a bonus of \$2,000, one percent of the prize amount, for selling a winning ticket. The *Season's Greetings* instant game costs \$5 and offered three top prizes of \$200,000. For more information, please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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## **\$250,000 Winning Illinois Lottery Ticket Sold In Kankakee** ***“What a great way to start the New Year!”***

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

January 13, 2017

Media Contact: Jason Schaumburg, (312) 793-3034

KANKAKEE, IL — Allen Spells, a resident of Niles, Michigan, was visiting friends in Illinois during the holidays when he played a [Wheel of Fortune](#) ticket and instantly won \$250,000. “I was shocked to win such a big prize. What a great way to start the New Year!” he said when he presented his winning ticket at the Illinois Lottery Prize Center in Chicago.

“I like the *Wheel of Fortune* TV show, so when I saw this ticket I wanted to try it,” Spells said. He plans to put his winnings in the bank for now. He bought his winning ticket at Speedway, 2925 Riverstone Court in Kankakee. The retailer received a bonus of \$2,500, one percent of the prize amount, for selling a winning ticket.

The *Wheel of Fortune* instant game costs \$5 and offers four top prizes of \$250,000. The game also featured a second-chance promotion for a one-of-a-kind trip to Hollywood, California. For more information, please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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## \$150,000 Illinois Lottery Win is 'A Blessing' for Kankakee Family

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

January 4, 2017

Media Contact: Jason Schaumburg (312) 793-3034

KANKAKEE, IL — “This win is a blessing,” Andrea Logan said when she presented her winning [Lucky Day Lotto](#) ticket at the Illinois Lottery Prize Center in Chicago. The lucky Kankakee resident plans to buy a house for her family after winning \$150,000 when her ticket matched all five numbers – 16 - 18 - 22 - 36 - 38 – in the Friday, December 23, evening drawing.

Logan has lived in Kankakee for 17 years. She was at home when she used her phone to look up the winning *Lucky Day Lotto* numbers on the Illinois Lottery website. “I play my family members’ ages, so I know my numbers and I recognized them right away. I started shaking! I couldn’t believe it!”

The winning ticket was purchased at SS Friendly Market II, 330 S. Nelson Ave., in Kankakee. The retailer received a bonus of \$1,500, or one percent of the prize amount, for selling the winning ticket. More than 13,500 players won prizes ranging from \$1 to \$200 in this *Lucky Day Lotto* evening drawing. *Lucky Day Lotto* drawings are twice a day, seven days a week. For more information, please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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## St. Clair County Resident Wins \$500,000 Illinois Lottery Prize

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
January 10, 2017

Media Contact: Mike Lang (217) 524-5158

SAUGET, IL — Sauget resident Andy Yon plans to buy a house after scratching an Illinois Lottery [\\$500,000 Jackpot](#) ticket and instantly winning a top prize of \$500,000.

Yon, 58, has lived in Sauget for 25 years. He was at home sitting at his kitchen table when he scratched his ticket. “I couldn’t believe I won half a million dollars. I almost fainted!”

The \$500,000 winning ticket was purchased at Phillips 66, 2400 Mississippi Ave., in Sauget. The retailer received \$5,000, one percent of the prize amount, for selling the winning ticket. *\$500,000 Jackpot* is a \$10 instant ticket featuring top prizes of \$500,000. Of the three \$500,000 prizes available, one has not yet been claimed. For more information, please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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## Belleville Resident Wins \$100,000 Illinois Lottery Prize

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

January 12, 2017

Media Contact: Mike Lang, (217) 524-5158

BELLEVILLE, IL — Belleville resident Betty Page won \$100,000 when her [Powerball](#) Quick Pick ticket matched four numbers, plus the *Powerball* number, in the Wednesday, November 2, drawing. The winning numbers were – 13 - 18 - 37 - 54 - 61 – the *Powerball* number was 05 and the *Power Play* number was 2. If she had not added the *Power Play*® multiplying feature to her ticket, her prize would have been \$50,000.

Page has lived in Belleville for 23 years. She was at home when she discovered her win by checking the winning *Powerball* numbers on the Illinois Lottery website. She plans to share the money with her family and donate to her church.

The winning ticket was purchased at Casey's General Store, 5715 Old Collinsville Road, in Fairview Heights. The retailer received a bonus of \$1,000, one percent of the prize amount, for selling a winning ticket. For more information about *Powerball* please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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# Lake County Resident Wins \$50,000 Illinois Lottery Prize

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

January 20, 2017

Media Contact: Jason Schaumburg, (312) 793-3034

PARK CITY, IL — Park City resident Cesar Pineda won a \$50,000 [Powerball](#) prize when his Quick Pick ticket matched four numbers, plus the *Powerball* number, in the Saturday, November 19, drawing. The winning numbers were – 16 - 24 - 28 - 43 - 61 – and the Powerball number was 21.

An occasional lottery player, Pineda said he forgot he had a ticket for this *Powerball* drawing. “I was recently paying for gas when I noticed the ticket in my wallet. I checked it right away and found out that I won!” He plans to put his winnings toward the purchase of a house.

Pineda bought his winning ticket at BP, 31667 N. U.S. Highway 12, in Volo. The retailer received a bonus of \$500, one percent of the prize amount, for selling a winning ticket. For more information about *Powerball* please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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## Belvidere Resident Plans to Cruise with \$100,000 Illinois Lottery Win!

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
January 23, 2017

Media Contact: Jason Schaumburg, (312) 793-3034

BELVIDERE, IL — Belvidere resident Ed Jensen, co-owner of the travel agency Ed Jensen Cruise Planners, plans to take his family on a cruise after winning a \$100,000 [Powerball](#) prize. Jensen's Quick Pick ticket matched four numbers, plus the *Powerball* number, in the Saturday, December 24, drawing. The winning numbers were – 28 - 38 - 42 - 51 - 52 – the *Powerball* number was 21 and the *Power Play* number was 2. If he had not added the *Power Play*® multiplying feature to his ticket, his prize would have been \$50,000.

Jensen has lived in Belvidere for eight years. He has three adult children and four grandchildren. He was at Lyford Road Mobil, 8061 E. State St., in Rockford, when he bought his winning ticket. "I also bought *Powerball* Quick Pick tickets and some instant lottery tickets to give to my kids for Christmas. Out of all of our tickets, mine was the big winner!"

Lyford Road Mobil received a bonus of \$1,000, one percent of the prize amount, for selling a winning ticket. For more information about *Powerball* please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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## Jacksonville Group Claims \$1 Million Illinois Lottery Prize!



*Patrick Gibson (left) and James Martin with the \$1,000,000 winning ticket*

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

January 24, 2017

Media Contact: Jason Schaumburg (312) 793-3034

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JACKSONVILLE, IL — A group of 23 Jacksonville residents won a \$1,000,000 [Powerball](#) prize when one of their Quick Pick tickets matched the first five numbers – 09 - 40 - 41 - 53 - 58 - (12) – in the Wednesday, January 18, drawing. Group organizers Patrick “Gibby” Gibson and James “Jamie” Martin presented the winning ticket Monday at the Illinois Lottery Prize Center in Springfield.

Gibson, 45, manages the Knights of Columbus Hall in Jacksonville where Martin, 42, is a regular patron. When the *Powerball* or *Mega Millions* jackpots are over \$100,000,000, they often pass around an envelope, and any Knights of Columbus members or guests can put in \$5 and enter their lottery pool. “We’ve been doing this for the past seven or eight years,” Gibson said.

The group's tickets for the January 18 *Powerball* drawing were purchased by Gibson at Bowl Inn, 224 N. East St., in Jacksonville. "That's where we usually buy our tickets," he said. The day after the drawing, the manager of Bowl Inn learned he had sold a \$1,000,000 winner and immediately called Gibson to tell him to check his tickets. "Jamie and I checked them right away and I actually started shaking when I saw that we had the winner. And then we made 21 phone calls to tell everyone!"

Each group member will receive \$43,478.26 (prior to withholding taxes). Gibson's plans for his winnings include paying bills, taking a vacation and buying a car. Martin plans to pay bills and bank the remainder of his windfall for now. The group, now known around town as, 'Lucky 23', plans to celebrate their win by hosting a party at the Knights of Columbus Hall for all of their family and friends. Bowl Inn received a bonus of \$10,000, or one percent of the prize amount, for selling a winning ticket.

When asked if they plan to continue to play the lottery in a group, Gibson said, "Definitely. We just passed the envelope around yesterday and 37 people entered!"

The January 18 *Powerball* jackpot was \$135,000,000 and more than 18,000 Illinois Lottery players won prizes ranging from \$4 to \$200 in the drawing. The jackpot was not won and continued to roll, now standing at \$170,000,000 for this Wednesday night's drawing. *Powerball* drawings take place Wednesday and Saturday nights at 9:59 p.m. For more information, please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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## Lifelong Middletown Resident Wins \$75,000 Illinois Lottery Prize

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

January 31, 2017

Media Contact: Jason Schaumburg (312) 793-3034

MIDDLETOWN, IL — Lifelong Middletown resident John Tripplett played an [Ultimate Crossword](#) ticket and instantly won \$75,000. “I was shocked when I saw that I won such a big prize,” he said when he presented his winning ticket at the Illinois Lottery Prize Center in Springfield.

Tripplett, 56, was at Qik-n-EZ, 520 Keokuk St., in Lincoln, when he bought and scratched his winning ticket. When asked about his plans for the windfall, he said, “I’ll pay bills and save the rest.”

Qik-n-EZ received \$750, one percent of the prize amount, for selling the winning ticket. *Ultimate Crossword* is a \$25 instant ticket featuring top prizes of \$750,000 and \$75,000. For more information, please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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## South Holland Resident Wins \$200,000 Illinois Lottery Prize

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

January 18, 2017

Media Contact: Jason Schaumburg, (312) 793-3034

SOUTH HOLLAND, IL — South Holland resident Katrice Tolbert scratched a [Season's Greetings](#) ticket and instantly won a top prize of \$200,000. "I was so shocked when I saw how much I won, I couldn't catch my breath!" she said when she presented her winning ticket at the Illinois Lottery Prize Center in Chicago.

Tolbert has lived in South Holland for 10 years. Her plans for the windfall include paying bills and donating to her favorite charity. When asked if she had any advice for other lottery players, she said, "Believe that you can win!"

The winning ticket was purchased at Mobil, 123 N. Williams St., in Thornton. The retailer received a bonus of \$2,000, one percent of the prize amount, for selling a winning ticket. The *Season's Greetings* instant game costs \$5 and offered three top prizes of \$200,000. For more information, please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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## Des Plaines Resident Wins \$350,000 Illinois Lottery Prize “What a great way to start the New Year!”

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

January 19, 2017

Media Contact: Jason Schaumburg (312) 793-3034

DES PLAINES, IL — “What a great way to start the New Year!” Keith Emrikson said when he presented his \$350,000 winning [Lucky Day Lotto](#) ticket at the Illinois Lottery Prize Center in Des Plaines. He won the jackpot prize when his \$1 Quick Pick ticket matched all five numbers – 06 - 15 - 17 - 36 - 37 – in the Friday, December 30, evening drawing.

Emrikson has lived in Des Plaines for 30 years. He started playing *Lucky Day Lotto* a few months ago after hearing about several big winners in his area. He and his wife plan to get professional financial advice and invest the windfall. “We’ll also spend some on a nice vacation.”

The winning ticket was purchased at Starks Corner BP, 15N454 State Route 47, in Hampshire. “We were in Huntley at a dog agility competition and when we stopped to get gas, I bought my *Lucky Day Lotto* ticket.” The retailer received a bonus of \$3,500, or one percent of the prize amount, for selling the winning ticket. More than 18,000 players won prizes ranging from \$1 to \$200 in this *Lucky Day Lotto* evening drawing. *Lucky Day Lotto* drawings are twice a day, seven days a week. For more information, please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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## Chicago Resident is First Illinois Lottery Millionaire in 2017

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

January 5, 2017

Media Contact: Jason Schaumburg (312) 793-3034

CHICAGO, IL —Chicago resident Laura Cannon is the first Illinois Lottery millionaire in 2017! Cannon scratched a [\\$300,000,000 Cash Spectacular](#) ticket and instantly won \$1,000,000. She presented her winning ticket at the lottery Prize Center in Chicago on Tuesday, January 3.

Cannon, retired, was at home when she used a nickel to scratch her ticket. Initially thinking she had won a \$100,000 prize, she immediately signed the back of her ticket and put it in a safe place. “When they scanned my ticket at the Illinois Lottery office and told me I actually won a million dollars, I couldn’t believe it! I started shaking!” She opted to receive her prize as a one-time payment of \$600,000 (less required withholding). When asked about her plans for the windfall Cannon said she will share it with her family and donate to her favorite charity.

The winning ticket was purchased out of the self-service dispensing machine at Mobil, 4804 W. Madison St., in Chicago. The retailer will receive a bonus of \$10,000, equal to one percent of the prize amount, for selling the winning ticket. [\\$300,000,000 Cash Spectacular](#) is a \$10 instant ticket that offers \$300,000,000 in prizes. For more information, please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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## **Flossmoor Resident is a Merry Millionaire! Wins \$2,000,000 on Illinois Lottery “Merry Millionaire” Instant Ticket**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
January 25, 2017

Media Contact: Jason Schaumburg (312) 793-3034

FLOSSMOOR, IL — Flossmoor resident Marla Gordon plans to pay bills, invest, and go on a Hawaiian vacation after scratching an Illinois Lottery [Merry Millionaire](#) ticket and instantly winning \$2,000,000.

Gordon was at Golo, 450 Cicero Ave., in University Park, when she bought a \$2 instant ticket, scratched it, and won \$20. She decided to spend her winnings and treat herself to a *Merry Millionaire* ticket. She used a quarter to scratch her ticket and instantly won \$2,000,000. “I started shaking and crying right there in the middle of the store!” She chose to take her prize as a one-time lump sum payment of \$1,200,000 (prior to withholding).

The retailer received a bonus of \$20,000, equal to one percent of the prize amount, for selling the winning ticket. *Merry Millionaire* is a \$20 instant ticket featuring three top prizes of \$2,000,000, one of which has not yet been claimed. For more information, please visit [www.illinoislottery.com](http://www.illinoislottery.com).

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## Lifelong Rockford Resident Wins \$250,000 Illinois Lottery Prize

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

January 11, 2017

Media Contact: Jason Schaumburg (312) 793-3034

ROCKFORD, IL — Rockford resident Randy Rush scratched an Illinois Lottery [\\$250,000 Crossword](#) ticket and instantly won a top prize of \$250,000. “At first I thought I won \$25,000. I still can’t believe I won a quarter of a million dollars!” he said when he presented his ticket at the lottery Prize Center in Rockford.

Rush, 47, was at home watching television when he used a dime to scratch his ticket during a commercial break. “I like this game because it’s entertaining, and I’ve been lucky with it. A couple of years ago I won a \$1,000 prize.” When asked about his plans for the windfall, he said he will get professional financial advice and invest wisely.

The winning ticket was purchased at Shell, 53 Airport Road, in Rockford. The retailer received \$2,500, one percent of the prize amount, for selling the winning ticket. [\\$250,000 Crossword](#) is a \$10 instant ticket with a top prize of \$250,000. For more information, please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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## Granite City Resident Wins \$200,000 Illinois Lottery Prize

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

July 11, 2017

Media Contact: Mike Lang (217) 524-5158

GRANITE CITY, IL— Granite City resident Amanda Miller played a [Bingo](#) ticket and instantly won a top prize of \$200,000. “I always hear about big lottery winners from around here, but I never imagined that I would be one of them!” she said when she presented her ticket at the Illinois Lottery Prize Center in Fairview Heights.

Miller buys an instant *Bingo* ticket two or three times a week. She was at home when she used her ‘lucky nickel’ to scratch her \$200,000 winning ticket. “I like the *Bingo* tickets because they take a while to play, and I always use the same nickel to scratch them.” Her plans for the windfall include sharing with family and making home improvements.

The winning ticket was purchased at Casey’s General Store, 70 W. Main St., in Glen Carbon. The retailer received a \$2,000 bonus, 1 percent of the prize amount, for selling a winning ticket. *Bingo* is a \$5 instant ticket featuring 12 top prizes of \$200,000, five of which have not been claimed. For more information, please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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## Summit Resident Wins \$800,000 Illinois Lottery Prize!

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July 26, 2017

Media Contact: Mike Lang (217) 524-5158

SUMMIT, IL — Summit resident Anthony Schimel won an \$800,000 [Lucky Day Lotto](#) jackpot prize when his ticket matched all five numbers – 08 - 12 - 22 - 28 - 29 -- in the Monday, June 19, evening drawing. “I’m going to invest this money,” he said when he presented his ticket at the Illinois Lottery Prize Center in Des Plaines.

Schimel has lived in Summit for more than 40 years. He bought his winning ticket at Cigarette City Liquors, 6250 S. Harlem Ave., in Summit. The retailer received a bonus of \$8,000, or one percent of the prize amount, for selling the winning ticket.

More than 25,900 players won prizes ranging from \$1 to \$200 in this *Lucky Day Lotto* drawing. *Lucky Day Lotto* drawings are twice a day, seven days a week. For more information, please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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# Kankakee County Resident Wins \$50,000 Illinois Lottery Prize

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July 19, 2017

Media Contact: Jason Schaumburg (312) 793-3034

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BRADLEY, IL — Bradley resident Crystal Nelson won a \$50,000 *Powerball* prize when her Quick Pick ticket matched four numbers, plus the *Powerball* number, in the Wednesday, June 21, drawing. The winning numbers were – 14 - 46 - 61 - 65 - 68 – and the *Powerball* number was 13.

“I’m so happy! I’m going to use this money to help my family, and I might buy myself car,” Nelson said when she presented her winning ticket at the Illinois Lottery Prize Center in Des Plaines.

The winning ticket was purchased at Liquor Lot, 370 S. Schuyler Ave., in Kankakee. The retailer received a bonus of \$500, one percent of the prize amount, for selling a winning ticket. *Powerball* drawings are at 9:59 PM (CT) every Wednesday and Saturday. For more information, please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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# Pekin Resident Wins \$250,000 Illinois Lottery Prize

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

July 20, 2017

Media Contact: Mike Lang (217) 524-5158

PEKIN, IL— Pekin resident Daniel Sutter played a [Full of \\$500's](#) ticket and instantly won a top prize of \$250,000. “This is a shock!” he said when he presented his ticket at the Illinois Lottery Prize Center in Springfield.

Sutter bought his winning ticket at Circle K, 425 W. Jackson St., in Morton, and was sitting in his truck when he scratched it and discovered his win. “I plan to invest this money for retirement, and my wife and I might take a vacation.” A regular lottery player, he buys a few instant tickets each week. His largest win prior to this was \$200.

Circle K received a \$2,500 bonus, 1 percent of the prize amount, for selling a winning ticket. *Full of \$500's* is a \$5 instant ticket featuring five top prizes of \$250,000, four of which have not been claimed. For more information, please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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## Lifelong DeKalb Resident Wins \$100,000 Illinois Lottery Prize

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

July 28, 2017

Media Contact: Mike Lang (217) 524-5158

DEKALB, IL— Lifelong DeKalb resident Donald Gravlin scratched an Illinois Lottery [World Class Millions](#) ticket and instantly won \$100,000.

Gravlin, 74, was at Stop N Shop, 708 E. Lincoln Highway, in DeKalb, when he bought and scratched his ticket. When asked about his plans for the \$100,000 windfall, he said, "I plan to spend it!"

Stop N Shop received \$1,000, equal to one percent of the prize amount, for selling the winning ticket. *World Class Millions* is a \$30 instant ticket offering three top prizes of \$15 million, seven prizes of \$1 million, and 20 prizes of \$100,000. One of the \$15 million prizes, one of the \$1 million prizes, and four of the \$100,000 prizes have not been claimed. For more information, please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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## Beginner's Luck for Rock Falls Resident! Wins \$75,000 Illinois Lottery Prize

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

July 25, 2017

Media Contact: Mike Lang (217) 524-5158

ROCK FALLS, IL — “This is the first time I have ever played an [Ultimate Crossword](#) ticket!” Rock Falls resident Heather South said when she presented her \$75,000 winning ticket at the Illinois Lottery Prize Center in Rockford.

South has lived in Rock Falls for more than 20 years. She was at The Beverage Store, 500 W. Route 30, in Rock Falls, when she bought and scratched her *Ultimate Crossword* ticket. “What an amazing day! I bought a house and signed the final papers in the morning, and then I won the lottery in the afternoon!” She plans to spend her winnings on home improvements.

The Beverage Store received \$750, one percent of the prize amount, for selling the winning ticket. *Ultimate Crossword* is a \$25 instant ticket featuring top prizes of \$750,000 and \$75,000. Four of the \$750,000 prizes and 38 of the \$75,000 prizes have not been claimed. For more information, please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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## Vermilion County Resident Wins \$1 Million Illinois Lottery Prize

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

July 27, 2017

Media Contact: Mike Lang (217) 524-5158

CATLIN, IL— Catlin resident Jake Essen played a [Million \\$\\$ Match](#) ticket and instantly won \$1,000,000. “You can’t win if you don’t play!” he said when he presented his winning ticket at the Illinois Lottery Prize Center in Springfield.

Essen, 54, is married with four children and two grandchildren. He was having breakfast with his wife at Little Nashville Restaurant, 11700 State Route 127, in Nashville, when he bought and scratched his ticket. “When we saw the \$1,000,000 prize amount, I borrowed a pen from our waitress and immediately signed the back of my ticket.” His plans for the money include sharing with his family and buying a house.

Little Nashville Restaurant received a \$10,000 bonus, 1 percent of the prize amount, for selling a winning ticket. *Million \$\$ Match* is a \$30 instant ticket featuring three top prizes of \$5,000,000, five prizes of \$1,000,000 and 14 prizes of \$100,000. The three \$5,000,000 prizes, four of the \$1,000,000 prizes, and 10 of the \$100,000 prizes, have not been claimed. For more information, please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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## Palatine Resident Wins \$112,500 Illinois Lottery Prize!

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

July 10, 2017

Media Contact: Jason Schaumburg (312) 793-3034

PALATINE, IL — Palatine resident Jayne Jeschke won a \$112,500 [Lucky Day Lotto](#) prize when her ticket matched all five numbers – 01 - 03 - 07 - 10 - 12 – in the Friday, June 2, evening drawing. “I didn’t know how much I won until I came into the lottery office. This is awesome!” she said when she presented her winning ticket at the Illinois Lottery Prize Center in Des Plaines.

Jeschke, 60, plans to pay bills and buy a new car. “I’m so happy that I can get a new car. My car is 17 years old and not very reliable.” She bought her winning ticket at Shell, 3 W. Algonquin Road, in Arlington Heights. The retailer received a bonus of \$1,125, or 1 percent of the prize amount, for selling the winning ticket.

Four winning tickets shared the Friday, June 2, *Lucky Day Lotto* \$450,000 jackpot. The other three \$112,500 winning tickets were purchased in Chicago, Harwood Heights and East Alton. More than 26,000 players won prizes ranging from \$1 to \$200 in this *Lucky Day Lotto* drawing. *Lucky Day Lotto* drawings are twice a day, seven days a week. For more information, please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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**Gold Rush in Lee County!  
Amboy Resident wins \$50,000 on Illinois Lottery  
'Gold Rush' instant game**



*Joe Zimmerly holds his \$50,000 winning ticket.*

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
July 13, 2017

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AMBOY, IL— Lifelong Amboy resident Joe Zimmerly scratched an Illinois Lottery [Gold Rush](#) ticket and instantly won a top prize of \$50,000. “This is great! I plan to take my family on a vacation and invest the rest.”

The \$50,000 winning ticket was purchased at Hy Vee Gas, 2801 Plaza Drive, in Peru. The retailer received a \$500 bonus, 1 percent of the prize amount, for selling the winning ticket. *Gold Rush* is a \$3 instant ticket

featuring a top prize of \$50,000. Two of the five \$50,000 top prizes have not been claimed. For more information please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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## Randolph County Resident Wins \$250,000 Illinois Lottery Prize



*Lori Farris holds her \$250,000 winning ticket*

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

July 12, 2017

Media Contact: Mike Lang (217) 524-5158

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STEELEVILLE, IL — Steeleville resident Lori Farris scratched a [\\$250,000 Crossword](#) ticket and instantly won a top prize of \$250,000. “I’m so grateful! I am going to pay off all my debt with this money,” she said when she presented her winning ticket at the Illinois Lottery Prize Center in Fairview Heights.

Farris, 56, has lived in Steeleville for 15 years. She bought her \$250,000 winning ticket at Casey’s General Store, 1226 State St., in Chester, and was sitting in her car when she scratched it and discovered her win. “I went back into the store to have the clerk double-check my ticket. I couldn’t believe I won such a big prize!”

Casey’s received \$2,500, 1 percent of the prize amount, for selling the winning ticket. [\\$250,000 Crossword](#) is a \$10 instant ticket with a top prize of \$250,000. Of the 16 top prizes available, four have not been claimed. For more information, please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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## North Chicago Resident Wins \$100,000 Illinois Lottery Prize



*Thaxter Hurd holds his \$100,000 winning ticket.*

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

July 14, 2017

Media Contact: Mike Lang (217) 524-5158

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NORTH CHICAGO, IL— North Chicago resident Thaxter Hurd played a [Million \\$\\$ Match](#) ticket and instantly won \$100,000. “I plan to pay bills and do some home improvements,” he said when he presented his ticket at the Illinois Lottery Prize Center in Des Plaines.

Hurd was at Speedway, 2932 Belvidere Road, in Waukegan, when he bought and scratched his \$100,000 winning ticket. The retailer received a \$1,000 bonus, 1 percent of the prize amount, for selling a winning ticket. *Million \$\$ Match* is a \$30 instant ticket featuring three top prizes of \$5,000,000, five prizes of

\$1,000,000 and 14 prizes of \$100,000. The three \$5,000,000 prizes, five \$1,000,000 prizes, and 11 of the \$100,000 prizes, have not been claimed. For more information, please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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**\*\*\* ALERT \*\*\***

## **Check Your Old Lottery Tickets!**

**\$350,000 Winning Ticket Sold in Chicago  
is About to Expire**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
July 18, 2017

Media Contact: Jason Schaumburg (312) 793-3034

CHICAGO, IL — Check your desk, cookie jar, glove compartment, and anywhere else you may have stashed a winning lottery ticket! Time is running out for a [Lucky Day Lotto](#) player to claim a \$350,000 prize from a ticket sold in Chicago almost a year ago.

The winning ticket was purchased at A & B Convenience, 100 W. Randolph St., in Chicago, and matched all five numbers – 07 - 11 - 24 - 25 - 26 – to win a \$350,000 jackpot prize in the Tuesday, August 16, evening drawing. The retailer received a bonus of \$3,500, or one percent of the prize amount, for selling a winning ticket.

Winners have one year from the original drawing date to claim their prize. Lottery prizes up to \$600 can be claimed at nearly 8,000 retail locations. Prizes over \$600 may be claimed at one of five Lottery Prize Centers across Illinois, located in Chicago, Des Plaines, Springfield, Rockford and Fairview Heights. Under Illinois Lottery Law, unclaimed prizes are transferred to either the Common School Fund or the Capital Projects Fund.

Players of Illinois Lottery draw-based games can use the Illinois Lottery's mobile app to purchase tickets, check winning numbers and jackpots, and even find a nearby retailer. All players who win via the Illinois Lottery's website are sent a notification to their personal email address, eliminating the chance of a prize going unclaimed. The free app is the first of its kind in the United States offering any Illinois adult the chance to purchase lottery tickets via an app.

*Lucky Day Lotto* drawings are twice a day, seven days a week. For more information, and to download the Illinois Lottery mobile app, please visit [www.illinoislottery.com](http://www.illinoislottery.com).

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playing in-store, the Illinois Lottery offers online and mobile play for all draw-based Illinois Lottery games at [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).  
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**UPDATED:**

## **Illinois Lottery Resumes Mega Millions and Powerball Sales**

*Prize payment delays end; sales on all channels restored*

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

July 6, 2017

**Media Contact:**

Jayme Odom

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CHICAGO – The following statement can be attributed to Illinois Lottery Acting Director Greg Smith:

*“The Illinois Lottery is pleased to announce that sales of Mega Millions and Powerball have resumed, and players may purchase tickets at any of the Lottery’s nearly 8,000 retail partners, via our mobile app, or at [IllinoisLottery.com](http://IllinoisLottery.com). We appreciate the loyalty of our players and retail partners as we continue our mission to fund K-12 education.”*

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## Lifelong McLeansboro Resident Wins \$50,000 Illinois Lottery Prize

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

January 27, 2017

Media Contact: Jason Schaumburg (312) 793-3034

MCLEANSBORO, IL— Ricky Banks, a lifelong resident of McLeansboro, scratched an Illinois Lottery [Crossword](#) ticket and instantly won \$50,000.

Banks, 40, was at Hucks, 106 E. Randolph St., in McLeansboro, when he bought and scratched his ticket. “I chose this game because I saw a \$5,000 winning *Crossword* ticket posted in the store, so I thought I should try one.” Realizing he had won a prize but not sure of the amount, he asked the clerk to scan his ticket. “When she said I won \$50,000, I almost passed out!” He plans to use some of his winnings to pay bills and have his car repaired. When asked if he had any advice for others he said, “Try a ticket. If this can happen to me, it can happen to anyone.”

Hucks received a \$500 bonus, equal to one percent of the prize amount, for selling the winning ticket. *Crossword* is a \$3 instant ticket offering 13 top prizes of \$50,000. For more information, please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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## Crystal Lake Couple Wins \$2.25 Million Lotto Jackpot!



*Roy and Gail Voigt with their \$2,250,000 winning ticket*

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
January 17, 2017

Media Contact: Jason Schaumburg (312) 793-3034

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CRYSTAL LAKE, IL — Crystal Lake residents Roy and Gail Voigt won a \$2,250,000 [Lotto](#) jackpot prize when their ticket matched all six numbers – 02-11-31-36-37-48 – in the Wednesday, November 17, drawing. “We are shocked that we won! It hasn’t sunk in yet,” Gail said when they presented their ticket at the Illinois Lottery Prize Center in Rockford.

Roy and Gail have been playing the same *Lotto* numbers for several years. “I just chose some random numbers and stuck with them,” Roy said. A few weeks after the drawing, they checked the winning numbers on the Illinois Lottery website and discovered they had hit the jackpot. They plan to get professional financial advice and invest their windfall.

The winning ticket was purchased at Thorntons, 800 Northwest Highway, in Cary. The retailer received a bonus of \$22,500, or one percent of the prize amount, for selling a winning ticket. *Lotto* drawings take place Monday, Thursday and Saturday nights at 9:22 p.m. For more information please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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## Wauconda Resident Wins \$50,000 Illinois Lottery Prize

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

January 3, 2017

Media Contact: Jason Schaumburg, (312) 793-3034

WAUCONDA, IL — Wauconda resident Scott Cunniff won a \$50,000 *Powerball* prize when he matched four numbers, plus the *Powerball* number, in the Saturday, December 17, drawing. The winning numbers were – 01 - 08 - 16 - 40 - 48 – and the Powerball number was 10.

“I plan to invest this money wisely,” Cunniff said when he presented his ticket at the Illinois Lottery Prize Center in Chicago. He bought his winning ticket at BP, 700 E. Route 45, in Mundelein. The retailer received a bonus of \$500, one percent of the prize amount, for selling a winning ticket. For more information about *Powerball* please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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## New Lenox Resident Wins \$50,000 Illinois Lottery Prize

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

June 29, 2017

Media Contact: Jason Schaumburg (312) 793-3034

NEW LENOX, IL — New Lenox resident Andre Bradley won a \$50,000 [Powerball](#) prize when his ticket matched four numbers, plus the *Powerball* number, in the Saturday, June 10, drawing. The winning numbers were – 20 - 26 - 32 - 38 - 58 – and the *Powerball* number was 03.

“I’m going to share this money with my family,” Bradley said when he presented his winning ticket at the Illinois Lottery Prize Center in Chicago. He bought his ticket at Speedway, 22310 S. La Grange Road, in Frankfort. “I just played some numbers I chose randomly, and they paid off.” Speedway received a bonus of \$500, one percent of the prize amount, for selling a winning ticket.

Illinois Lottery players won more than 97,000 prizes, ranging from \$4 to \$50,000, in this *Powerball* drawing. *Powerball* drawings are at 9:59 PM (CT) every Wednesday and Saturday. For more information, please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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## Lucky Day for Park Ridge Resident! *Wins \$200,000 Illinois Lottery Prize*

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

June 23, 2017

Media Contact: Jason Schaumburg (312) 793-3034

PARK RIDGE, IL — “I’m so happy!” Bart Iskra said after winning a \$200,000 [Lucky Day Lotto](#) prize. The lucky Park Ridge resident’s Quick Pick ticket matched all five numbers – 12 - 15 - 23 - 26 - 44 – in the Friday, June 9, midday drawing.

Iskra discovered his \$200,000 win when he checked the winning numbers on the Illinois Lottery website. He plans to invest the money. He bought his ticket at Minuteman, 4901 S. Central Ave., in Stickney. The retailer received a bonus of \$2,000, or one percent of the prize amount, for selling the winning ticket.

Two winning tickets split the Friday, June 9, \$400,000 jackpot. The other \$200,000 winning ticket was purchased at Mare’s Mini Mart & Deli in Chicago. More than 11,600 players won prizes ranging from \$1 to \$200 in this *Lucky Day Lotto* drawing. *Lucky Day Lotto* drawings are twice a day, seven days a week. For more information, please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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## Lee Resident Wins \$50,000 Illinois Lottery Prize

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

June 28, 2017

Media Contact: Jason Schaumburg (312) 793-3034

LEE, IL — “I’m so happy I won!” Lee resident Becky Davis said after scratching a [The MS Project](#) ticket and instantly winning a top prize of \$50,000. “I feel good about buying this ticket because the profits help fight Multiple Sclerosis,” she said when she presented her winning ticket at the Illinois Lottery Prize Center in Rockford.

Davis was at home when she used a quarter to scratch her ticket and discovered her win. She plans to save the money for her retirement. She bought her ticket at Casey’s General Store, 317 W. Comanche Ave., in Shabbona. The retailer received a bonus of \$500, one percent of the prize amount, for selling the winning ticket. *The MS Project* is a \$3 instant ticket with a top prize of \$50,000. Of the three top prizes available, one has not been claimed. For more information, please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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## Edwardsville Resident Wins \$250,000 Illinois Lottery Prize

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

June 7, 2017

Media Contact: Jason Schaumburg (312) 793-3034

EDWARDSVILLE, IL — Edwardsville resident Carmen Kruschik scratched a [\\$10 Million Payout](#) ticket and instantly won a top prize of \$250,000. “When I saw the \$250,000 prize amount, my heart started pounding so fast!” she said when she presented her winning ticket at the Illinois Lottery Prize Center in Fairview Heights.

Kruschik was at Motomart, 1 Club Centre Court, in Edwardsville, when she cashed in a \$10 winning *\$250,000 Crossword* ticket and bought two *\$10 Million Payout* tickets. She was in her car in the parking lot when she scratched them. “I didn’t win a prize on the first ticket. The second ticket I scratched was the big winner!” She plans to share the windfall with her family, complete some home improvement projects, and invest.

Motomart received \$2,500, one percent of the prize amount, for selling the winning ticket. *\$10 Million Payout* is a \$5 instant ticket with a top prize of \$250,000. Of the six top prizes available, two have not been claimed. For more information, please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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## Lucky Day for Macoupin County Resident, Wins \$100,000 Illinois Lottery Prize!

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

June 27, 2017

Media Contact: Mike Lang (217) 524-5158

CHESTERFIELD, IL — Chesterfield resident David Kirkland won a \$100,000 [Lucky Day Lotto](#) prize when his ticket matched all five numbers – 01 - 03 - 05 - 12 - 30 – in the Monday, June 12, midday drawing.

Kirkland has lived in Chesterfield for 13 years. He discovered his win when he checked the winning *Lucky Day Lotto* numbers on the Illinois Lottery website. “When I saw that I won such a big prize, I immediately signed the back of my ticket!” He plans to share the money with his family.

The winning ticket was purchased at Phillips 66 Route 3 Fuel & Lottery, 2400 Mississippi Ave., in Sauget. The retailer received a bonus of \$1,000, or one percent of the prize amount, for selling the winning ticket. More than 10,700 players won prizes ranging from \$1 to \$200 in this *Lucky Day Lotto* drawing. *Lucky Day Lotto* drawings are twice a day, seven days a week. For more information, please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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## Round Lake Resident Wins \$2,000,000 Illinois Lottery Prize

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

June 1, 2017

Media Contact: Jason Schaumburg (312) 793-3034

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ROUND LAKE, IL— “This is unbelievable! I’m overwhelmed,” Round Lake resident George Gaulke said when he presented his \$2,000,000 winning [\\$2,000,000 Extravaganza!](#) ticket at the Illinois Lottery Prize Center in Des Plaines.

Gaulke, 57, has worked in the manufacturing industry for 35 years. He and his wife plan to pay off their debt and invest. “Winning this money gives us the opportunity to have peace of mind.”

The winning ticket was purchased at A & N Liquors, 34780 Catherine Road, in Ingleside. The retailer received a \$20,000 bonus, one percent of the prize amount, for selling the winning ticket. [\\$2,000,000 Extravaganza!](#) is a \$20 instant ticket offering three top prizes of \$2,000,000, and six prizes of \$100,000. One of the \$2,000,000 prizes and one of the \$100,000 prizes have not been claimed. For more information, please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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## Palatine Resident Wins \$100,000 Illinois Lottery Prize!

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

June 13, 2016

Media Contact: Jason Schaumburg (312) 793-3034

PALATINE, IL— Palatine resident Guy Noffke scratched a [\\$10 Million Cash Bonanza](#) ticket and instantly won \$100,000! “I scratched the ticket slowly and didn’t reveal the prize amounts until the very end. When I saw that I won \$100,000, I was shocked!” he said when he presented his ticket at the Illinois Lottery Prize Center in Des Plaines.

Noffke, 50, has lived in Palatine for more than 20 years. He bought his winning ticket at Extra Value Liquors, 1348 N. Rand Road, in Palatine, and took it home to scratch. He plans to put the money in the bank for now.

Extra Value Liquors received a bonus of \$1,000, equal to one percent of the prize amount, for selling the winning ticket. *\$10 Million Cash Bonanza* is a \$30 instant ticket with three top prizes of \$10,000,000, 15 prizes of \$1,000,000, and 22 prizes of \$100,000. One of the \$10,000,000 prizes, five of the \$1,000,000 prizes, and six of the \$100,000 prizes have not been claimed. For more information, please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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## **Illinois Lottery Modifies Payment Policy**

*Lack of Funding Affects Powerball, Mega Millions, Prize Payments Over \$25,000*

### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

June 27, 2017

### **Media Contact:**

Jason Schaumburg

(312) 793-3034

CHICAGO – The Illinois Lottery is announcing a temporary change in its winner payment policy effective July 1, 2017, should funding for Lottery prizes not be approved by the General Assembly. Players with valid claims of more than \$25,000 will experience a delay in payments for all games because of the ongoing state budget impasse in Springfield.

“Players should be confident knowing the Illinois Lottery has the money to pay these winning claims,” Illinois Lottery Acting Director Greg Smith said. “That means the General Assembly needs to approve a truly balanced budget that includes Lottery funding in order to ensure all prize payments will occur.”

In 2015, the Lottery didn’t have Fiscal Year 2016 appropriation authority to pay winners until December, resulting in nearly 3,900 valid claims being delayed, totaling more than \$112 million. Within a month of receiving an appropriation, all valid claims were paid to winners.

In addition, a lack of Lottery funding for Fiscal Year 2018 will result in the unprecedented step of suspending Powerball and Mega Millions sales in Illinois.

### **WHAT IT MEANS FOR POWERBALL**

- Powerball sales in Illinois will be suspended at 9:00 p.m. June 28, 2017.
- All Powerball tickets purchased before that cut-off time will be valid tickets.
- All active Powerball subscriptions will be cancelled after the last draw on June 28. The Lottery will issue refunds to players for the remaining length of their subscriptions.
- When a Fiscal Year 2018 appropriation for the Illinois Lottery is passed, the Lottery will work with the Multi-State Lottery Association to determine a path for the return of Powerball sales. The timing is unknown.
- No other Illinois Lottery games will be suspended.

### **WHAT IT MEANS FOR MEGA MILLIONS**

- Mega Millions sales in Illinois will be suspended at 9:45 p.m. June 30, 2017.
- All Mega Millions tickets purchased before that cut-off time will be valid tickets.
- All active Mega Millions subscriptions will be cancelled after the last draw on June 30. The Lottery will issue refunds to players for the remaining length of their subscriptions.

- When a Fiscal Year 2018 appropriation for the Illinois Lottery is passed, sales for Mega Millions will resume.
- No other Illinois Lottery games will be suspended.

### **WHAT IT MEANS FOR PRIZE PAYMENTS**

- Players should not delay claiming a winning ticket.
- Valid claims of more than \$25,000 will experience a delay in payments due to the Comptroller's inability to make payments on behalf of the Lottery without an appropriation.
- Players with valid claims of any amount who owe money to the state (via an "offset") will experience a delay in payments due to the Comptroller's inability to make payments on behalf of the Lottery without an appropriation.
- At this time, the Illinois Lottery will continue to pay valid claims of \$25,000 or less at any of the five Lottery Prize Centers located throughout Illinois – Chicago, Des Plaines, Fairview Heights, Rockford and Springfield.
- Prizes of \$600 or less will continue to be paid at the Lottery's nearly 8,000 retail partners.

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## Beginner's Luck for Chicago Resident! Wins \$250,000 Illinois Lottery Prize

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

June 21, 2017

Media Contact: Jason Schaumburg (312) 793-3034

CHICAGO, IL — “This is the very first lottery ticket I have ever played!” Chicago resident La Ongkwan Pinyapap said after scratching a [25X The Money](#) ticket and instantly winning a top prize of \$250,000. “My friend was buying a ticket, so I thought I should try one, too. We couldn’t believe it when I won!” she said when she presented her winning ticket at the Illinois Lottery Prize Center in Chicago.

Pinyapap bought her ticket at BP, 2357 W. Fullerton Ave., in Chicago, and took it home to scratch. She plans to share the windfall with her family. The retailer received a bonus of \$2,500, one percent of the prize amount, for selling the winning ticket. *25X The Money* is a \$5 instant ticket with a top prize of \$250,000. Of the 12 top prizes available, six have not been claimed. For more information, please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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## Berwyn Resident Wins \$250,000 Illinois Lottery Prize

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June 2, 2017

Media Contact: Jason Schaumburg (312) 793-3034

BERWYN, IL — Berwyn resident Luis Diaz scratched a [\\$250,000 Crossword](#) ticket and instantly won a top prize of \$250,000. “I’m going to make wise investments with this money,” he said when he presented his winning ticket at the Illinois Lottery Prize Center in Des Plaines.

Diaz, 48, has lived in Berwyn for nine years. He was at home when he used a penny to scratch his ticket and discovered his win. “I like playing this game because it takes a while, it’s entertaining.”

The winning ticket was purchased at A1 Stop Food Mart, 1005 Claim St., in Aurora. The retailer received \$2,500, one percent of the prize amount, for selling the winning ticket. [\\$250,000 Crossword](#) is a \$10 instant ticket with a top prize of \$250,000. Of the 16 top prizes available, six have not been claimed. For more information, please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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## Peoria Resident Wins \$1 Million Illinois Lottery Prize!

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

June 14, 2017

Media Contact: Jason Schaumburg (312) 793-3034

PEORIA, IL — Peoria resident Richard Uppole hit the [Lucky Day Lotto](#) jackpot when his Quick Pick ticket matched all five numbers – 02 - 08 - 11 - 27 - 44 – to win a \$1,000,000 prize in the Monday, May 29, evening drawing.

Uppole, 67, is a retired CityLink bus driver. He was at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2602, 1505 E. Lake Ave., in Peoria Heights, when he bought his winning ticket. “I have been going there regularly for years, and I have a lot of friends there.” A few days after the drawing, he was back at the VFW when he asked the bartender to check his *Lucky Day Lotto* ticket. “When she told me I won a million dollars, I couldn’t believe it! All I could say was, ‘WOW!’ ”

His plans for the money include buying a new truck and investing. When asked if he had any advice for other players, he said, “I don’t have any advice, but I wish them all good luck!”

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2602 received a bonus of \$10,000, or one percent of the prize amount, for selling the winning ticket. More than 28,500 players won prizes ranging from \$1 to \$200 in this drawing. *Lucky Day Lotto* drawings are twice a day, seven days a week. For more information, please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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# Lifelong West Chicago Resident Wins \$50,000 Illinois Lottery Prize

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June 6, 2017

Media Contact: Jason Schaumburg (312) 793-3034

WEST CHICAGO, IL — Lifelong West Chicago resident Steven Tinnes won a \$50,000 [Powerball](#) prize when his Quick Pick ticket matched four numbers, plus the *Powerball* number, in the Wednesday, May 24, drawing. The winning numbers were – 28 - 32 - 33 - 38 - 62 – and the *Powerball* number was 15.

“I’m going to spend this money on some home improvement projects and buy my wife a new car,” Tinnes said when he presented his winning ticket at the Illinois Lottery Prize Center in Des Plaines. He bought his ticket at Marathon, 139 W. Washington St., in West Chicago. “I always buy a *Powerball* ticket when the jackpot is really high.” Marathon received a bonus of \$500, one percent of the prize amount, for selling a winning ticket.

Illinois Lottery players won more than 35,000 prizes, ranging from \$4 to \$50,000, in this *Powerball* drawing. *Powerball* drawings are at 9:59 PM (CT) every Wednesday and Saturday. For more information, please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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## Taylorville Resident Wins \$250,000 Illinois Lottery Prize

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

June 9, 2017

Media Contact: Jason Schaumburg (312) 793-3034

TAYLORVILLE, IL — Taylorville resident Tiffany Atkinson played a [Roulette](#) instant ticket and won a top prize of \$250,000. “I’m going to use this money to pay my bills and buy a house!” she said when she presented her winning ticket at the Illinois Lottery Prize Center in Springfield.

The winning ticket was purchased at Casey’s General Store, 925 E. Main St., in Moweaqua. The retailer received \$2,500, one percent of the prize amount, for selling the winning ticket. *Roulette* is a \$5 instant ticket with a top prize of \$250,000. Of the five top prizes available, two have not been claimed. For more information, please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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# Lifelong Randolph County Resident Wins \$50,000 Illinois Lottery Prize

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

June 22, 2017

Media Contact: Mike Lang (217) 524-5158

CHESTER, IL — Lifelong Chester resident Tina Stewart won a \$50,000 [Powerball](#) prize when her Quick Pick ticket matched four numbers, plus the *Powerball* number, in the Wednesday, June 7, drawing. The winning numbers were – 05 - 21 - 57 - 66 - 69 – and the *Powerball* number was 13.

“I’m so happy and grateful! I’m going to use this money to pay off my debt,” Stewart said when she presented her winning ticket at the Illinois Lottery Prize Center in Fairview Heights. She bought her ticket at Belleville Quick Stop, 1258 Lebanon Ave., in Belleville. “I play *Powerball* two or three times a month, and I always buy a Quick Pick.” The retailer received a bonus of \$500, one percent of the prize amount, for selling a winning ticket.

Illinois Lottery players won more than 66,500 prizes, ranging from \$4 to \$50,000, in this *Powerball* drawing. *Powerball* drawings are at 9:59 PM (CT) every Wednesday and Saturday. For more information, please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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## Mattoon Resident Wins \$250,000 Illinois Lottery Prize

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June 20, 2017

Media Contact: Jason Schaumburg (312) 793-3034

MATTOON, IL — Mattoon resident Wayne Kremer played a [Roulette](#) instant ticket and won a top prize of \$250,000. “I’m going to put this money in the bank for now,” he said when he presented his winning ticket at the Illinois Lottery Prize Center in Springfield.

The winning ticket was purchased at Murphy USA, 105 Dettro Drive, in Mattoon. The retailer received \$2,500, one percent of the prize amount, for selling the winning ticket. *Roulette* is a \$5 instant ticket with a top prize of \$250,000. Of the five top prizes available, two have not been claimed. For more information, please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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## Lucky Day for Kane County Resident! Wins \$250,000 Illinois Lottery Prize

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

January 9, 2017

Media Contact: Jason Schaumburg (312) 793-3034

GILBERTS, IL — Gilberts resident Steven Scott won a \$250,000 jackpot prize when his [Lucky Day Lotto](#) Quick Pick ticket matched all five numbers – 05 - 22 - 31 - 33 - 43 – in the Thursday, December 22, evening drawing. “I’m going to pay bills and put the rest of this money in the bank,” he said when he presented his ticket at the Illinois Lottery Prize Center in Des Plaines.

Scott bought his winning ticket at Pop’s Pantry, 1195 N. McLean Blvd., in Elgin. The retailer received a bonus of \$2,500, or one percent of the prize amount, for selling the winning ticket. More than 14,000 players won prizes ranging from \$1 to \$200 in this *Lucky Day Lotto* evening drawing. *Lucky Day Lotto* drawings are twice a day, seven days a week. For more information, please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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## Chicago Newlywed Wins \$250,000 Illinois Lottery Prize

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

March 30, 2017

Media Contact: Jason Schaumburg (312) 793-3034

CHICAGO, IL — Chicago newlywed Artra Thomas scratched a [25X The Money](#) ticket and instantly won a top prize of \$250,000. “I just got married last summer, and now I can pay off all of my wedding bills. This win is a blessing!” she said when she presented her winning ticket at the Illinois Lottery Prize Center in Chicago.

Thomas bought her winning ticket at Lucky Mart, 2900 W. 87<sup>th</sup> St., in Chicago, and took it home to scratch. “I couldn’t believe I won! I put on my glasses to double-check the ticket, and then I started screaming!” Her plans for the windfall also include investing.

Lucky Mart received a bonus of \$2,500, one percent of the prize amount, for selling the winning ticket. *25X The Money* is a \$5 instant ticket with a top prize of \$250,000. Of the six top prizes available, three have not been claimed. For more information, please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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## Smithton Resident Wins \$300,000 Illinois Lottery Prize

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
March 29, 2017

Media Contact: Mike Lang (217) 524-5158

SMITHTON, IL — Smithton resident Bill Gwinn won a \$300,000 [Lucky Day Lotto](#) jackpot prize when his Quick Pick ticket matched all five numbers -- 13 - 24 - 27 - 28 - 38 -- in the Tuesday, February 21, evening drawing.

Gwinn, 62, has lived in Smithton for 33 years. He discovered his win the day after the drawing when he checked the winning *Lucky Day Lotto* numbers on the Illinois Lottery website. “I was absolutely stunned when my numbers matched and I realized that I won.” He and his wife plan to pay bills, invest and take a vacation.

An occasional *Lucky Day Lotto* player, Gwinn said when he buys a ticket he always chooses a Quick Pick. He bought his \$300,000 winning ticket at All Mart Wine & Spirits, 225 N. Main St., in Smithton. The retailer received a bonus of \$3,000, or one percent of the prize amount, for selling the winning ticket. More than 15,000 players won prizes ranging from \$1 to \$200 in this *Lucky Day Lotto* drawing. *Lucky Day Lotto* drawings are twice a day, seven days a week. For more information, please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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## Lucky Day for Glendale Heights Resident! Wins \$150,000 Illinois Lottery Prize

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

March 8, 2017

Media Contact: Jason Schaumburg (312) 793-3034

GLENDALE HEIGHTS, IL — “I always hoped to win a big prize, but I never really thought I would,” Carl Dryfhout said when he presented his \$150,000 winning [Lucky Day Lotto](#) ticket at the Illinois Lottery Prize Center in Des Plaines. The lucky Glendale Heights resident won a jackpot prize when his ticket matched all five numbers – 06 - 14 - 19 - 20 - 44 – in the Thursday, February 9, evening drawing.

Dryfhout bought his winning ticket at Convenient Food Store, 1599 Glen Ellyn Road, in Glendale Heights. “I play *Lucky Day Lotto* and sometimes *Pick 3*, and I always buy my tickets there.” A few days after the drawing, he returned to the store to check his ticket and discovered his \$150,000 win. “I was so surprised!” He plans to pay bills and invest.

Convenient Food Store received a bonus of \$1,500, or one percent of the prize amount, for selling the winning ticket. More than 13,000 players won prizes ranging from \$1 to \$200 in this *Lucky Day Lotto* evening drawing. *Lucky Day Lotto* drawings are twice a day, seven days a week. For more information, please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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## Collinsville Resident Wins \$1,150,000 Illinois Lottery Prize

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
March 21, 2017

Media Contact: Jason Schaumburg (312) 793-3034

COLLINSVILLE, IL — “As soon as I got my check from the lottery, I paid all of my bills. It felt great!” Charles Sampson said after winning a \$1,150,000 [Lucky Day Lotto](#) prize. The lucky Collinsville resident hit the jackpot when his Quick Pick ticket matched all five numbers – 03 - 11 - 14 - 16 - 33 – in the Sunday, February 5, evening drawing.

Sampson bought his winning ticket at Midtowne Liquor, 412 W. Clay St., in Collinsville. The day after the drawing, he returned to the store to check the winning *Lucky Day Lotto* numbers and discovered his win. He then calmly put the ticket back in his wallet, bought a cup of coffee, and went home. “I’ve always had a feeling that I was going to win the lottery someday, so I guess I wasn’t too surprised that it happened.”

Residents of Collinsville for over 40 years, Sampson and his wife plan to spend some of the windfall on home repairs and remodeling projects. “We desperately need to fix our roof! This lottery win is a blessing.”

Midtowne Liquor received a bonus of \$11,500, or one percent of the prize amount, for selling the winning ticket. More than 31,000 players won prizes ranging from \$1 to \$200 in this *Lucky Day Lotto* evening drawing. *Lucky Day Lotto* drawings are twice a day, seven days a week. For more information, please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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## Vernon Hills Resident Wins \$1,000,000 in Illinois Lottery St. Patrick's Day Raffle

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March 28, 2017

Media Contact: Jason Schaumburg (312) 793-3034

VERNON HILLS, IL — Vernon Hills resident Christopher Gluck won \$1,000,000 in the Illinois Lottery *St. Patrick's Day Millionaire Raffle*. "I always buy a *Raffle* ticket because it offers the best odds for winning a million dollars, but I never imagined I would beat those odds and win!"

Gluck discovered his win when he used the check-your-ticket option on the Illinois Lottery's website. His plans for the windfall include paying bills and investing. He bought his winning ticket, bearing raffle number 045610, at 7-Eleven, 145 E. Town Line Road, in Vernon Hills. 7-Eleven received a bonus of \$10,000, one percent of the prize amount, for selling the winning ticket.

The *St. Patrick's Day Millionaire Raffle* provided players a chance to win one of three (3) \$1 million prizes, 250 \$1,000 prizes, and 9,000 \$100 prizes. In all, 9,253 raffle tickets won cash prizes - the highest number of winners in Illinois raffle history. The other two \$1 million winning tickets were purchased at Speedway, 7502 S. Cass Ave., in Darien, and Good News Gas & Food, 2059 Hicks Road, in Rolling Meadows. To view a complete list of this year's winning *St. Patrick's Day Millionaire Raffle* numbers, or to access the check-your-ticket option, visit the Illinois Lottery's website at [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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## \$100,000 Winning Illinois Lottery Ticket Sold at Chicago O’Hare International Airport

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

March 24, 2017

Media Contact: Jason Schaumburg (312) 793-3034

CHICAGO, IL— A stop in Illinois resulted in a \$100,000 lottery win for Jackson, Ohio, resident Conor Dullaghan. “This is incredible!” he said after scratching a [World Class Millions](#) ticket and instantly winning \$100,000.

Dullaghan was travelling to Mexico for work and had a stop at Chicago O’Hare International Airport. When he saw the Paralyzed Veterans of America lottery kiosk in Terminal One, he decided to try a ticket. “I was absolutely shocked to win! I feel very lucky.” He plans to share the windfall with his family.

Paralyzed Veterans of America received \$1,000, equal to one percent of the prize amount, for selling the winning ticket. *World Class Millions* is a \$30 instant ticket offering three top prizes of \$15 million, seven prizes of \$1 million, and 20 prizes of \$100,000. One of the \$15 million prizes, one of the \$1 million prizes, and five of the \$100,000 prizes have not been claimed. For more information, please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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## Lifelong Chicago Resident Wins \$200,000 Illinois Lottery Prize

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

March 14, 2017

Media Contact: Jason Schaumburg (312) 793-3034

CHICAGO, IL— Lifelong Chicago south side resident Daniel Brown played a [Bingo](#) ticket and instantly won a \$200,000 top prize. “I’ve always wanted to buy a house and now that I won this lottery prize, I can!” he said when he presented his winning ticket at the Illinois Lottery Prize Center in Chicago.

Brown, 49, takes the train every day to his housekeeping job at a downtown Chicago hotel. He was on his way to work when he stopped at a newsstand and bought a *Bingo* ticket. Just before starting his shift, he scratched it and discovered his \$200,000 win. “I left work and rushed back to the store to have them double-check my ticket. I was so excited, I couldn’t focus!”

The winning ticket was purchased at Lobby Shops, 216 W. Jackson Blvd., in Chicago. The retailer received a \$2,000 bonus, one percent of the prize amount, for selling a winning ticket. *Bingo* is a \$5 instant ticket featuring six top prizes of \$200,000, one of which has not yet been claimed. For more information, please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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## Lucky Day for Chicago Resident, Wins \$600,000 Illinois Lottery Prize

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
March 22, 2017

Media Contact: Jason Schaumburg (312) 793-3034

CHICAGO, IL — Desirae Heil, a lifelong resident of Chicago, won a \$600,000 [Lucky Day Lotto](#) jackpot prize when her ticket matched all five numbers -- 01 - 06 - 12 - 14 - 21 -- in the Wednesday, March 8, midday drawing. “I’m shocked! I still can’t believe I won!” she said when she presented her winning ticket at the Illinois Lottery Prize Center in Chicago.

Heil chose her own numbers and bought her \$1 ticket at Citgo, 3820 S. Archer Ave., in Chicago. “My winning numbers are family birthdays, and the date of my first date with my husband.” She and her husband have been married 31 years. They plan to share the windfall with their family, pay bills and invest.

Citgo received a bonus of \$6,000, or one percent of the prize amount, for selling the winning ticket. More than 18,500 players won prizes ranging from \$1 to \$200 in this *Lucky Day Lotto* drawing. *Lucky Day Lotto* drawings are twice a day, seven days a week. For more information, please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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## **Lucky Day for Round Lake Beach Resident! Wins \$650,000 Illinois Lottery Prize**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
May 23, 2017

Media Contact: Jason Schaumburg (312) 793-3034

ROUND LAKE BEACH, IL — Alan Sima, a lifelong resident of Round Lake Beach, won a \$650,000 [Lucky Day Lotto](#) jackpot prize when his ticket matched all five numbers – 34 - 35 - 37 - 40 - 45 – in the Saturday, May 6, midday drawing. “I had a feeling I would win if I played some high numbers, so I did, and I won!”

When asked about his plans for the money, Sima said he will spend some, save some, and donate some. He bought his ticket at 7-Eleven, 803 W. Rollins Road, in Round Lake Beach. The retailer received a bonus of \$6,500, or one percent of the prize amount, for selling the winning ticket. More than 13,500 players won prizes ranging from \$1 to \$200 in this drawing. *Lucky Day Lotto* drawings are twice a day, seven days a week. For more information, please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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## Lucky Day for Shorewood Resident! Wins \$550,000 Illinois Lottery Prize

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
May 2, 2017

Media Contact: Jason Schaumburg (312) 793-3034

SHOREWOOD, IL — Shorewood resident Concetta Favia won a \$550,000 [Lucky Day Lotto](#) prize when her Quick Pick ticket matched all five numbers – 01 - 07 - 26 - 37 - 43 – in the Friday, March 24, evening drawing. When asked about her plans for the windfall she said, “I put the money in the bank for now. I plan to share it with my family.”

An occasional *Lucky Day Lotto* player, Favia said that when she buys a ticket, she always chooses a Quick Pick. She bought her winning ticket at Shell, 20755 W. Renwick Road, in Crest Hill. Shell received a bonus of \$5,500, or one percent of the prize amount, for selling the winning ticket. More than 20,900 players won prizes ranging from \$1 to \$200 in this drawing. *Lucky Day Lotto* drawings are twice a day, seven days a week. For more information, please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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# \$150,000 Illinois Lottery Prize Won in Granite City

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May 31, 2017

Media Contact: Jason Schaumburg (312) 793-3034

GRANITE CITY, IL — David Johnson, a resident of St. Louis, MO, was visiting Granite City, IL, when he decided to buy a [Powerball](#) ticket. “I thought it might be good luck for me to get a ticket in Illinois, and it turns out I was right!” he said when his ticket matched four numbers, plus the *Powerball* number, to win \$150,000 in the Wednesday, May 17, drawing. The winning numbers were – 04 - 11 - 39 - 45 - 48 – the *Powerball* number was 9 and the *Power Play*® number was 3. If he had not added the *Power Play*® multiplying feature to his ticket, his prize would have been \$50,000.

“I checked my ticket at a store, and when the clerk told me I won \$150,000, I almost fainted! I haven’t stopped grinning since!” Johnson said when he presented his ticket at the Illinois Lottery Prize Center in Fairview Heights. He plans to share the money with family, donate to his church, and invest. “I might also go out for a nice, big dinner to celebrate.”

A regular *Powerball* player, Johnson said he randomly chooses his numbers and buys a ticket for every drawing. He bought his winning ticket at Super One Stop, 3301 W. Chain of Rocks Road, in Granite City. The retailer received a bonus of \$1,500, or one percent of the prize amount, for selling a winning ticket. *Powerball* drawings take place Wednesday and Saturday nights at 9:59 p.m. For more information, please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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## Chicago Resident Wins \$400,000 Illinois Lottery Prize

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

May 18, 2017

Media Contact: Jason Schaumburg (312) 793-3034

To request a high resolution photo, please email [photos@northstarlottery.net](mailto:photos@northstarlottery.net).

CHICAGO, IL — Chicago resident David Klopach won a \$400,000 [Lucky Day Lotto](#) jackpot prize when his \$1 Quick Pick ticket matched all five numbers – 10 - 25 - 34 - 38 - 40 – in the Sunday, April 30, midday drawing. “My wife and I plan to invest this money for our future,” he said when he presented his winning ticket at the Illinois Lottery Prize Center in Chicago.

Klopach bought his ticket at Citgo, 5726 N. Nagle Ave., in Chicago. The retailer received a bonus of \$4,000, or one percent of the prize amount, for selling the winning ticket. More than 9,800 players won prizes ranging from \$1 to \$200 in this drawing. *Lucky Day Lotto* drawings are twice a day, seven days a week. For more information, please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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# Madison County Resident is a Multi-Millionaire!

## *Wins \$4.75 Million Lotto Jackpot*

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

May 24, 2017

Media Contact: Mike Lang (217) 524-5158

MARYVILLE, IL – Maryville resident Denise Banks-Wilson became a multi-millionaire when her \$1 Quick Pick ticket matched all six numbers – 12 - 18 - 29 - 30 - 31 - 52 – to win a \$4,750,000 jackpot prize in the Thursday, May 4, [Lotto](#) drawing. “I still can’t believe I won! It really hasn’t hit me yet,” she said when she presented her winning ticket at the Illinois Lottery Prize Center in Fairview Heights.

Banks-Wilson, 54, is a divorce mediator in Springfield. She was attending a conference when she saw a social media post that a jackpot winning *Lotto* ticket was sold in Springfield. “My ticket was at home, so I called my husband and asked him to check it.” Her husband, Calvin Wilson, looked up the winning *Lotto* numbers on the Illinois Lottery website. “I was absolutely shocked when he called me back and told me we had won!” She chose to take her prize as a one-time lump sum payment of \$2,889,000 (less withholding). Plans for the windfall include sharing with family and investing.

An occasional *Lotto* player, Banks-Wilson said she buys two or three tickets per year. She bought her winning ticket at Jiffi Stop, 3300 E. Clear Lake Ave., in Springfield. The retailer will receive a bonus of \$47,500, or one percent of the prize amount, for selling the winning ticket. More than 72,000 players won prizes ranging from \$1 to \$2,359 in this *Lotto* drawing. *Lotto* drawings are held Monday, Thursday, and Saturday at 9:22 pm. For more information, please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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## **Lucky Day for Kankakee Resident! Wins \$650,000 Illinois Lottery Prize**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

May 30, 2017

Media Contact: Jason Schaumburg (312) 793-3034

KANKAKEE, IL — “My advice to other lottery players is to believe that you really can win. Anything’s possible!” Doris Schnell said after winning a \$650,000 [Lucky Day Lotto](#) jackpot prize. The lucky Kankakee resident’s \$1 Quick Pick ticket matched all five numbers – 12 - 16 - 20 - 21 - 30 – in the Thursday, May 18, midday drawing.

Schnell said when she plays *Lucky Day Lotto* she always buys a Quick Pick ticket. She discovered her \$650,000 win when she checked the winning numbers on the Illinois Lottery website. “I read the numbers on my ticket over and over because I thought for sure I was making a mistake.” Her plans for the money include paying bills, investing, and buying a dishwasher.

The winning ticket was purchased at Wee-Sip Liquors, 1099 S. Water St., in Wilmington. The retailer received a bonus of \$6,500, or one percent of the prize amount, for selling the winning ticket. More than 16,800 players won prizes ranging from \$1 to \$200 in this drawing. *Lucky Day Lotto* drawings are twice a day, seven days a week. For more information, please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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## Vermilion County Resident Wins \$75,000 Illinois Lottery Prize

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
May 3, 2017

Media Contact: Jason Schaumburg (312) 793-3034

ROSSVILLE, IL — Rossville resident Gloria Mahorney played a [Crossword](#) ticket and instantly won a top prize of \$75,000. “I like this game because there is some mystery to it, and it takes a while to play,” she said when she presented her winning ticket at the Illinois Lottery Prize Center in Springfield.

Mahorney has lived in Rossville for more than 30 years. She bought her winning ticket at Casey’s General Store, 112 South Chicago St., in Rossville, and took it home to scratch. Her plans for the windfall include some home repair projects, and she may take a vacation.

Casey’s General Store received a bonus of \$750, one percent of the prize amount, for selling the winning ticket. *Crossword* is a \$5 instant ticket featuring a top prize of \$75,000. Of the available 28 prizes of \$75,000, eight have not been claimed. For more information, please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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## Calumet City Resident Celebrates Birthday with \$100,000 Illinois Lottery Win!

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
May 16, 2017

Media Contact: Jason Schaumburg (312) 793-3034

CALUMET CITY, IL — To celebrate her 46<sup>th</sup> birthday, Calumet City resident Jacqueline Robinson bought herself an Illinois Lottery [100X The Money](#) instant ticket. “I was having lunch with a friend when I scratched it and saw that I won \$100,000. I couldn’t believe it! What a fantastic birthday present!”

Robinson said her plans for the windfall include paying bills and taking a vacation. “I have always wanted to go on a week-long cruise.” She bought her winning *100X The Money* ticket at Gateway Newstand, 300 E. Randolph St., in Chicago. The retailer received a bonus of \$1,000, one percent of the prize amount, for selling the winning ticket.

*100X The Money* is a \$20 instant ticket featuring four top prizes of \$4,000,000 and eight prizes of \$100,000 available to be won. Two of the \$4,000,000 prizes and five of the \$100,000 prizes have not been claimed. For more information, please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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## Another Illinois Lottery \$1 Million Winner in Tazewell County!

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

May 10, 2017

Media Contact: Mike Lang (217) 524-5158

NORTH PEKIN, IL – Joe Weis of North Pekin is Tazewell County’s newest Illinois Lottery millionaire after scratching a [\\$300,000,000 Cash Spectacular](#) ticket and instantly winning \$1 million. This is the second time someone from Tazewell County has won a top prize on this game! Last month, a resident of Marquette Heights also won \$1 million on a *\$300,000,000 Cash Spectacular* ticket.

Weis, 57, has lived in North Pekin for 38 years. “Everyone in town has been congratulating me on my big win!” He and his wife, Patty, plan to share the windfall with their five children. They opted to receive their prize as a one-time payment of \$600,000 (less required withholding).

The winning ticket was purchased at Circle K, 3016 West Farmington Road, in West Peoria. The retailer received a bonus of \$10,000, equal to one percent of the prize amount, for selling the winning ticket. The other Tazewell County \$1 million winner bought their ticket at Shell, 700 S. Main St., in Creve Coeur. *\$300,000,000 Cash Spectacular* is a \$10 instant ticket that offers \$300,000,000 in prizes. Of the 35 top prizes of \$1 million available to be won, 11 have not been claimed. For more information, please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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## Peoria Resident Wins \$75,000 Illinois Lottery Prize

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

May 15, 2017

Media Contact: Mike Lang (217) 524-5158

PEORIA, IL — Lifelong Peoria resident Katlyn Mabis played a [Crossword](#) ticket and instantly won a top prize of \$75,000. “I am completely shocked! I keep thinking that this can’t be real!” she said when she presented her winning ticket at the Illinois Lottery Prize Center in Springfield.

Mabis, 20, said she buys one lottery ticket every month. She bought her \$75,000 winning *Crossword* ticket at Clark, 3508 W. Harmon Highway, in Peoria, and took it home to scratch. She immediately returned to the store to have them double-check her ticket and confirm her win. She plans to pay bills, invest, and go on a vacation.

Clark received a bonus of \$750, one percent of the prize amount, for selling the winning ticket. *Crossword* is a \$5 instant ticket featuring a top prize of \$75,000. Of the 28 prizes of \$75,000 available, eight have not been claimed. For more information, please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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## Freeport Resident Wins \$50,000 Illinois Lottery Prize

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

May 26, 2017

Media Contact: Jason Schaumburg (312) 793-3034

FREEPORT, IL— Freeport resident Linda Tyler scratched an Illinois Lottery [Crossword](#) ticket and instantly won a top prize of \$50,000. “I know someone who won a \$50,000 *Crossword* prize a few years ago, and I thought that if it could happen to them, it could happen to me, too. And it did!”

Tyler bought her winning ticket at Boco Self-Serve Mini Mart, 511 E. Stephenson St., in Freeport, and was in her car in the parking lot when she scratched it. She plans to pay bills and put the remainder in the bank.

The retailer received a \$500 bonus, equal to one percent of the prize amount, for selling the winning ticket. *Crossword* is a \$3 instant ticket offering 26 top prizes of \$50,000, 12 of which have not been claimed. For more information, please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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# \$1 Million Illinois Lottery Prize Won in Chicago

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

May 9, 2017

Media Contact: Jason Schaumburg (312) 793-3034

CHICAGO, IL — “I was shocked when I saw that my numbers matched the winning numbers. I couldn’t believe I won a million dollars!” Milan Jovanovic said when he presented his winning [Powerball](#) ticket at the Illinois Lottery Prize Center in Chicago. The lucky Chicago resident won \$1,000,000 when his Quick Pick ticket matched the first five numbers in the Wednesday, April 26, drawing. The winning numbers were – 01 - 15 - 18 - 26 - 51 – and the *Powerball* number was 26.

Jovanovic, 40, is a manager at an auto parts company. He was on a break at work when he used his phone to look up the winning *Powerball* numbers and discovered his win. His plans for the windfall include buying a house.

A regular *Powerball* player, Jovanovic said he buys a Quick Pick ticket for every drawing. “*Powerball* is the only game I routinely play. Once in a while, if the jackpot is really high, I buy a *Mega Millions* ticket too.” He bought his winning ticket at Jewel, 1341 N. Paulina St., in Chicago. Jewel received a bonus of \$10,000, or one percent of the prize amount, for selling a winning ticket. More than 19,900 Illinois Lottery players won prizes ranging from \$4 to \$50,000 in this *Powerball* drawing. *Powerball* drawings take place Wednesday and Saturday nights at 9:59 p.m. For more information, please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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## Ottawa Resident Wins \$50,000 Illinois Lottery Prize

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

May 11, 2017

Media Contact: Jason Schaumburg (312) 793-3034

OTTAWA, IL— Ottawa resident Vivian Zamzow scratched an Illinois Lottery [Crossword](#) ticket and instantly won a top prize of \$50,000.

Zamzow has lived in Ottawa for 25 years. She bought her winning ticket at Kroger, 2701 Columbus St., in Ottawa, and took it home to scratch. “When I saw the \$50,000 prize amount, I was shocked! I rushed back to the store to have them double-check my ticket.” She plans to spend her winnings on home improvements.

Kroger received a \$500 bonus, equal to one percent of the prize amount, for selling the winning ticket. *Crossword* is a \$3 instant ticket offering 26 top prizes of \$50,000, 13 of which have not been claimed. For more information, please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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# DeKalb County Resident is a Multi-Millionaire!

## *Wins \$4 Million Illinois Lottery Prize*

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

May 4, 2017

Media Contact: Jason Schaumburg (312) 793-3034

SHABBONA, IL — William Valezano went into the store to buy a snack and came out a multi-millionaire! The lucky Shabbona resident scratched an Illinois Lottery [100X The Money](#) ticket and instantly won a top prize of \$4,000,000.

Valezano, 38, bought his winning ticket at Casey's General Store, 9779 U.S. Route 30 in Waterman. "When I scratched my ticket and saw the prize amount, I couldn't believe it! I kept counting the zeros over and over." He and his wife, Gabrielle, plan to invest the windfall for now. "Now that we won this money, we plan to work a little less and enjoy life a little more."

Casey's received a bonus of \$40,000, one percent of the prize amount, for selling the winning ticket. *100X The Money* is a \$20 instant ticket featuring four top prizes of \$4,000,000 and eight prizes of \$100,000 available to be won. Two of the \$4,000,000 prizes and six of the \$100,000 prizes have not been claimed. For more information, please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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# West Dundee Resident Wins \$50,000 Illinois Lottery Prize

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
March 7, 2017

Media Contact: Jason Schaumburg

WEST DUNDEE, IL — West Dundee resident Eric Krahl won a \$50,000 [Powerball](#) prize when his Quick Pick ticket matched four numbers, plus the *Powerball* number, in the Saturday, February 11, drawing. The winning numbers were – 05 - 09 - 17 - 37 - 64 – and the *Powerball* number was 02.

“I play *Powerball* once or twice a month, and I always buy a ticket when the jackpot is really high.” Krahl, 41, has lived in West Dundee all his life. He bought his winning ticket at Lake in the Hills Liquor, 461 N. Randall Road, in Lake in the Hills. His plans for the windfall include taking a vacation and investing.

Lake in the Hills Liquor received a bonus of \$500, one percent of the prize amount, for selling a winning ticket. For more information about *Powerball*, please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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## Lifelong Morris Resident Wins \$100,000 Illinois Lottery Prize

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

March 27, 2017

Media Contact: Jason Schaumburg (312) 793-3034

MORRIS, IL — Gail Maskel, a lifelong resident of Morris, won a \$100,000 [Lucky Day Lotto](#) jackpot prize when her ticket matched all five numbers -- 11 - 14 - 20 - 37 - 44 -- in the Wednesday, February 22, midday drawing. “It really does just take \$1 to win!” she said when she presented her winning ticket, a \$1 Quick Pick, at the Illinois Lottery Prize Center in Des Plaines.

Maskel bought her winning ticket at Morris Liquor, 2407 Sycamore Drive, in Morris. “When I play *Lucky Day Lotto*, I always get a \$1 Quick Pick and I always buy my ticket at this store.” She and her husband plan to share the windfall with their three children. “We are also going to spend some of it to have air conditioning installed in our house.”

Morris Liquor received a bonus of \$1,000, or one percent of the prize amount, for selling the winning ticket. More than 8,000 players won prizes ranging from \$1 to \$200 in this *Lucky Day Lotto* drawing. *Lucky Day Lotto* drawings are twice a day, seven days a week. For more information, please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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# Lucky Feeling pays off for Hampshire Resident, Wins \$100,000 Illinois Lottery Prize

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

March 9, 2017

Media Contact: Jason Schaumburg (312) 793-3034

HAMPSHIRE, IL — Hampshire resident Kathy Proffitt was at the store buying a newspaper when she saw the [100X The Money](#) ticket and had a feeling she should buy one. “I occasionally get a *Bingo* or *Crossword* ticket but something told me to try this game. I can’t believe I won \$100,000!” she said when she presented her winning ticket at the Illinois Lottery Prize Center in Rockford.

Proffitt and her husband have lived in Hampshire for 30 years. They have two sons and one grandchild. “I just became a grandma and I was thinking about how nice it would be to give my son some money to help with the baby.” She plans to share the windfall with her sons, make some home improvements and take a vacation.

The winning ticket was purchased at Spee-D-Mart, 990 S. State St., in Hampshire. The retailer received a bonus of \$1,000, one percent of the prize amount, for selling the winning ticket. *100X The Money* is a \$20 instant ticket with a top prize of \$4,000,000. Of the four top prizes available, three have not yet been claimed. For more information, please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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## Lucky Day for Channahon Resident! Wins \$100,000 Illinois Lottery Prize

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
March 20, 2017

Media Contact: Jason Schaumburg (312) 793-3034

CHANNAHON, IL — “I checked the winning numbers on the lottery website and I was so surprised when I realized that I won!” Lynn Palmieri said when she presented her \$100,000 winning [Lucky Day Lotto](#) ticket at the Illinois Lottery Prize Center in Des Plaines. The lucky Channahon resident won a jackpot prize when her ticket matched all five numbers -- 09 - 21 - 22 – 23 - 35 -- in the Thursday, March 2, evening drawing.

Palmieri won her *Lucky Day Lotto* prize by playing numbers she randomly chose a few years ago. “I stuck with the same numbers and it paid off.” She plans to pay bills with her winnings.

The winning ticket was purchased at Mega Convenience, 24735 W. Eames St., in Channahon. The retailer received a bonus of \$1,000, or one percent of the prize amount, for selling the winning ticket. More than 16,000 players won prizes ranging from \$1 to \$200 in this *Lucky Day Lotto* evening drawing. *Lucky Day Lotto* drawings are twice a day, seven days a week. For more information, please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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## Lake Zurich Resident Wins \$75,000 Illinois Lottery Prize

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

March 13, 2017

Media Contact: Jason Schaumburg (312) 793-3034

LAKE ZURICH, IL — “I had a feeling I should try this ticket, so I bought one, and I won!” Lake Zurich resident Michael Marquardt said when he presented his \$75,000 winning [Ultimate Crossword](#) ticket at the Illinois Lottery Prize Center in Des Plaines.

Marquardt used a penny to scratch his ticket and initially thought he had won a \$1,000 prize. “When I realized that I actually won \$75,000, I was shocked!” He signed the back of his ticket right away. His plans for the windfall include paying bills and taking a vacation.

The winning ticket was purchased at 7-Eleven, 1165 Weiland Ave., in Buffalo Grove. The retailer received \$750, one percent of the prize amount, for selling the winning ticket. *Ultimate Crossword* is a \$25 instant ticket. Of the 10 top prizes of \$750,000 available, five have yet to be claimed. Of the 100 prizes of \$75,000 available, 53 have yet to be claimed. For more information, please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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## El Paso Resident Wins \$150,000 Illinois Lottery Prize!

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

October 4, 2017

Media Contact: Mike Lang (217) 524-5158

EL PASO, IL — El Paso resident Barbara Walter won a \$150,000 [Lucky Day Lotto](#) prize when her Quick Pick ticket matched all five numbers – 06 - 09 - 22 - 23 - 31 – in the Thursday, September 21, evening drawing. “I had a feeling I was going to win big, and I was right!” she said when she presented her ticket at the Illinois Lottery Prize Center in Springfield.

An occasional player, Walter said this was the fourth time she played *Lucky Day Lotto*. She bought her winning ticket at Shell, 680 W. Main St., in El Paso. The day after the drawing, she checked the winning numbers on the Illinois Lottery website and discovered her win. She plans to invest the money for retirement.

Shell received a bonus of \$1,500, or one percent of the prize amount, for selling the winning ticket. More than 13,700 players won prizes ranging from \$1 to \$200 in this *Lucky Day Lotto* drawing. *Lucky Day Lotto* drawings are twice a day, seven days a week. For more information, please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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## Westmont Newlywed Wins \$100,000 Illinois Lottery Prize

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

October 3, 2017

Media Contact: Jason Schaumburg (312) 793-3034

WESTMONT, IL— Westmont resident Brennan Peckhart played a [Million \\$\\$ Match](#) ticket and instantly won \$100,000. “I just got married three months ago, and now I won this lottery prize. I feel very lucky,” he said when he presented his winning ticket at the Illinois Lottery Prize Center in Des Plaines.

Peckhart bought his winning ticket at 7-Eleven, 2304 Maple Ave., in Downers Grove, and took it home to scratch. When he saw the \$100,000 prize amount, he immediately asked his wife to double-check the ticket. “We couldn’t believe it!” Their plans for the money include investing.

7-Eleven received a \$1,000 bonus, 1 percent of the prize amount, for selling a winning ticket. *Million \$\$ Match* is a \$30 instant ticket featuring three top prizes of \$5,000,000, five prizes of \$1,000,000 and 14 prizes of \$100,000. Two of the \$5,000,000 prizes, three of the \$1,000,000 prizes, and eight of the \$100,000 prizes, have not been claimed. For more information, please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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## St. Clair County Resident Wins \$300,000 Illinois Lottery Prize

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

October 24, 2017

Media Contact: Mike Lang (217) 524-5158

SMITHTON, IL — Smithton resident Dale Sauget played [Lucky Day Lotto](#) online and won a \$300,000 jackpot prize when his Quick Pick matched all five numbers – 03 - 17 - 19 - 26 - 32 – in the Sunday, October 1, midday drawing.

Sauget, 60, has lived in Smithton for more than 28 years. He was at home when he read the e-mail message from the Illinois Lottery notifying him of his win. “I bought a *Lucky Day Lotto* online subscription so I don’t ever have to worry about missing a draw or checking my tickets.” He plans to pay off his mortgage, buy a new vehicle, and invest.

Illinois residents, 18 and over, can buy tickets for all of the Illinois Lottery’s draw-based games online at [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com) or at nearly 8,000 retailers statewide. Players can also use the Illinois Lottery’s free mobile app. More than 10,800 players won prizes ranging from \$1 to \$200 in this *Lucky Day Lotto* drawing. *Lucky Day Lotto* drawings are twice a day, seven days a week. For more information, please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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## Naperville Resident Wins \$250,000 Illinois Lottery Prize

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
October 31, 2017

Media Contact: Jason Schaumburg (312) 793-3034

NAPERVILLE, IL — Naperville resident Devery Carr played a [\\$250,000 Crossword](#) ticket and instantly won a top prize of \$250,000. “The *Crossword* tickets have always been my favorite,” he said when he presented his winning ticket at the Illinois Lottery Prize Center in Des Plaines.

Carr was at 7-Eleven, 1202 N. Eola Road, in Aurora, when he bought and scratched his \$250,000 winning ticket. “When the clerk confirmed my ticket was a big winner, I thought he was kidding!” Plans for the windfall include paying bills and taking a vacation.

7-Eleven received \$2,500, one percent of the prize amount, for selling the winning ticket. *\$250,000 Crossword* is a \$10 instant ticket with a top prize of \$250,000. Of the 32 top prizes available, 12 have not been claimed. For more information, please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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## Glenview Resident Wins \$100,000 Illinois Lottery Prize

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
October 13, 2017

Media Contact: Jason Schaumburg (312) 793-3034

GLENVIEW, IL — Glenview resident Eleni Athanasopoulos played a [100X The Money](#) ticket and instantly won \$100,000. “I plan to invest most of this money,” she said when she presented her ticket at the Illinois Lottery Prize Center in Des Plaines.

Athanasopoulos bought her winning ticket at BP, 6405 N. Northwest Highway, in Chicago, and took it home to scratch. The retailer received a bonus of \$1,000, one percent of the prize amount, for selling the winning ticket.

*100X The Money* is a \$20 instant ticket featuring four top prizes of \$4,000,000 and eight prizes of \$100,000 available to be won. Two of the \$4,000,000 prizes and three of the \$100,000 prizes have not been claimed. For more information, please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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## Lifelong Belleville Resident Wins \$50,000 Illinois Lottery Prize!

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

October 27, 2017

Media Contact: Mike Lang (217) 524-5158

BELLEVILLE, IL — Lifelong Belleville resident Eugenia Oelrich played an Illinois Lottery [Red Ribbon Cash](#) ticket and instantly won a top prize of \$50,000.

Oelrich was at BP Food Mart, 1257 Lebanon Ave., in Belleville, buying a *Powerball* ticket, when the clerk suggested she also try the new *Red Ribbon Cash* game. She bought a ticket and took it home to scratch. “At first I thought I won \$50, and then when I realized I actually won \$50,000, I screamed!” She plans to spend her winnings on a new truck. BP Food Mart received a \$500 bonus, 1 percent of the prize amount, for selling the winning ticket.

*Red Ribbon Cash* is the only instant game where 100 percent of the proceeds are dedicated to HIV/AIDS research, education and prevention. Since 2008, the Illinois Lottery has contributed more than \$7.6 million to the fight against HIV/AIDS through the sale of this special instant ticket. Each *Red Ribbon Cash* ticket costs \$3. Of the three top prizes of \$50,000 available, one has not been claimed. For more information, please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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# MEGA MILLIONS ENHANCED

## Starting jackpots increase to \$40M, better odds to win \$1M

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

October 25, 2017

**Media Contact:** Jason Schaumburg, (312) 793-3030

CHICAGO – Mega Millions has been redesigned to bring more value to players with larger starting jackpots and faster rolls. Starting jackpots will more than double from \$15 million to \$40 million, and jackpots will grow faster overall. There will be better odds to win \$1 million prizes and higher secondary prizes.

In the redesigned game, players select five numbers from 1 to 70, and one Mega Ball number from 1 to 25. Players will have a 1-in-24 overall chance of winning a prize. The enriched Mega Millions game will debut Oct. 28. The first drawing for the redesigned Mega Millions game will be Oct. 31. Tickets for the game will cost \$2 per play.

“We’re excited to deliver a reinvigorated Mega Millions game to our players,” Illinois Lottery Acting Director Greg Smith said. “Larger and faster-growing jackpots should spark enthusiasm in our players and provide more opportunities to create millionaires and raise money for education in Illinois.”

Mega Millions is one of the world’s biggest and most-recognizable lottery games. Introduced as The Big Game in August 1996 with Illinois and five other states, the game became Mega Millions in May 2002. Mega Millions is played in 46 jurisdictions - 44 states, the District of Columbia and the U.S. Virgin Islands. The largest Mega Millions jackpot was a \$656 million prize split by three winners in Illinois, Kansas and Maryland in 2012. In August, the Illinois Lottery awarded its largest prize ever -- \$393 million -- after a Quick Pick ticket sold in Palos Heights matched all six numbers in the Aug. 11 Mega Millions drawing.

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### **About Mega Millions**

Mega Millions drawings are held Tuesdays and Fridays at 10 p.m. For more information about Mega Millions, please visit [www.megamillions.com](http://www.megamillions.com).





# **‘I didn’t know I was a Millionaire!’**

## ***Dolton Resident Wins \$1,150,000 Illinois Lottery Prize***

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
October 26, 2017

Media Contact: Jason Schaumburg (312) 793-3034

DOLTON, IL — Dolton resident James Rucker won a \$1,150,000 [Lucky Day Lotto](#) jackpot prize when his ticket matched all five numbers – 03 - 07 - 10 - 14 - 17 – in the Friday, August 4, evening drawing. “I was double-checking some of my old tickets and realized I won! I was a millionaire for almost two months without knowing it!

Rucker has lived in Dolton for more than 30 years. He was at home when he looked up past winning *Lucky Day Lotto* numbers on the Illinois Lottery website, and discovered his win. He and his wife plan to share the money with their three children and grandson, and invest.

A regular *Lucky Day Lotto* player, Rucker also occasionally plays *Pick 3* and *Pick 4*. When asked if he had any advice for other lottery players, he said, “Choose your own numbers and stick with them. That’s what worked for me.” He bought his \$1,150,000 winning *Lucky Day Lotto* ticket at Sibley Liquor Mart, 1139 E. Sibley Blvd., in Dolton. The retailer received a bonus of \$11,500, or one percent of the prize amount, for selling the winning ticket.

More than 42,000 players won prizes ranging from \$1 to \$200 in this *Lucky Day Lotto* drawing. *Lucky Day Lotto* drawings are twice a day, seven days a week. For more information, please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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## Lifelong Lake County Resident Wins \$200,000 Illinois Lottery Prize!

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

October 17, 2017

Media Contact: Jason Schaumburg (312) 793-3034

ROUND LAKE BEACH, IL — Round Lake Beach resident Janet Rodriguez played a [Bingo](#) ticket and instantly won a top prize of \$200,000. “I love this game!” she said when she presented her ticket at the Illinois Lottery Prize Center in Des Plaines.

Rodriguez bought her winning ticket at One Stop Food and Liquor, 1015 N. Fairfield Road, in Round Lake Beach, and took it home to scratch. Thinking she won a \$200 prize, she returned to the store to scan her ticket and was shocked to discover her prize was actually \$200,000. “My advice to other players is to always double-check your tickets!” She plans to pay bills, buy a car, and put the rest of the money in the bank.

One Stop Food and Liquor received a \$2,000 bonus, 1 percent of the prize amount, for selling the winning ticket. *Bingo* is a \$5 instant ticket featuring 12 top prizes of \$200,000, two of which have not been claimed. For more information, please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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## Logan County Resident Wins \$50,000 Powerball Prize

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
October 19, 2017

Media Contact: Mike Lang (217) 524-5158

LINCOLN, IL — Lincoln resident Jim Otto won a \$50,000 [Powerball](#) prize when his Quick Pick ticket matched four numbers, plus the *Powerball* number, in the Saturday, September 30, drawing. The winning numbers were – 08 - 12 - 25 - 41 - 64 – and the *Powerball* number was 15.

Otto, 50, has lived in Lincoln for 13 years. He and his wife have two children, and they plan to spend some of the windfall on a family vacation.

A regular *Powerball* player, Otto buys one Quick Pick ticket every week. He bought his \$50,000 winning ticket at Circle K, 1903 W. Market St., in Bloomington. The retailer received a bonus of \$500, one percent of the prize amount, for selling the winning ticket. *Powerball* drawings are at 9:59 PM (CT) every Wednesday and Saturday. For more information, please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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## Joliet Resident Wins \$75,000 Illinois Lottery Prize!

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
October 30, 2017

Media Contact: Jason Schaumburg (312) 793-3034

JOLIET, IL — Joliet resident Jorge Arias scratched a [Crossword](#) ticket and instantly won a top prize of \$75,000. “This is great! I’m going to use this money to pay bills,” he said when he presented his winning ticket at the Illinois Lottery Prize Center in Des Plaines.

Arias bought his ticket at Shell, 710 E. Cass St., in Joliet. The retailer received a \$750 bonus, equal to one percent of the prize amount, for selling the winning ticket. *Crossword* is a \$5 instant ticket offering 42 top prizes of \$75,000, 13 of which have not been claimed. For more information, please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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## Lifelong Waukegan Resident Wins \$50,000 Illinois Lottery Prize!

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

October 5, 2017

Media Contact: Jason Schaumburg (312) 793-3034

WAUKEGAN, IL— Sherrie Garrett, a lifelong resident of Waukegan, played an Illinois Lottery [Bingo](#) ticket and instantly won a top prize of \$50,000.

A regular *Bingo* player, Garrett buys a ticket once a week. She was at home when she scratched her \$50,000 winner. “I didn’t believe it! I checked my ticket again and again, and then I asked my son to double-check it for me.” She plans to buy a car and put the rest of the windfall in the bank.

The winning ticket was purchased at Marathon, 1215 N. Lewis Ave., in Waukegan. The retailer received a bonus of \$500, one percent of the prize amount, for selling a winning ticket. *Bingo* is a \$3 instant ticket offering 18 top prizes of \$50,000. Two of the top prizes have not been claimed. For more information, please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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## Carol Stream Resident Wins \$50,000 Illinois Lottery Prize!

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
October 20, 2017

Media Contact: Jason Schaumburg (312) 793-3034

CAROL STREAM, IL — Carol Stream resident Thawng Zaathang played an Illinois Lottery [Red Ribbon Cash](#) ticket and instantly won a top prize of \$50,000.

Zaathang was at S & K Liquor, 628 E. St. Charles Road, in Carol Stream, when he bought and scratched a *Red Ribbon Cash* ticket and won \$20. Thinking this was a lucky game for him, he bought another ticket. “I was shocked when I scratched it and won \$50,000!” He plans to invest the money. S & K Liquor received a \$500 bonus, 1 percent of the prize amount, for selling the winning ticket.

*Red Ribbon Cash* is the only instant game where 100 percent of the proceeds are dedicated to HIV/AIDS research, education and prevention. Since 2008, the Illinois Lottery has contributed more than \$7.6 million to the fight against HIV/AIDS through the sale of this special instant ticket. Each *Red Ribbon Cash* ticket costs \$3. Of the three top prizes of \$50,000 available, one has not been claimed. For more information, please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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## McLean County Resident Wins \$50,000 Illinois Lottery Prize

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

October 11, 2017

Media Contact: Mike Lang (217) 524-5158

STANFORD, IL— Stanford resident Tim Tippey played an Illinois Lottery [Crossword](#) ticket and instantly won a top prize of \$50,000.

Tippey bought his winning ticket at Casey's General Store, 110 Route 122, in Minier, and took it home to scratch. Thinking he won a \$1,000 prize, he returned to the store to verify his win. "When the clerk told me I actually won \$50,000, I couldn't believe it!" He plans to put the money toward the purchase of a new house.

The retailer received a \$500 bonus, equal to one percent of the prize amount, for selling the winning ticket. *Crossword* is a \$3 instant ticket offering 26 top prizes of \$50,000, five of which have not been claimed. For more information, please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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## ***Illinois Lottery Launches 2017 'MS Project' Instant Game***

### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

March 16, 2017

Media Contact: Jason Schaumburg, (312) 793-3034

CHICAGO, IL – The Illinois Lottery, Illinois Lieutenant Governor Evelyn Sanguinetti, the Greater Illinois Chapter of the National MS Society and the Illinois Department of Public Health unveiled the newest version of *The MS Project* instant game - a lottery ticket that funds research into the cause, prevention, and future cure of Multiple Sclerosis (MS).

"The Illinois Lottery is proud to be partnering again with the Illinois Department of Public Health and the Greater Illinois Chapter of the National MS Society in the fight against multiple sclerosis," Illinois Lottery Acting Director Gregory Smith said. "By purchasing the MS Project lottery ticket, players are providing financial support to their fellow Illinois citizens that struggle each day with the effects of multiple sclerosis."

This is the 10th edition of *The MS Project* special cause instant game. The ticket costs \$3 and has raised more than \$8.4 million since 2008. The game offers three top instant prizes of \$50,000. All net proceeds, after prize payouts and expenses, benefit MS research statewide.

"I became an MS warrior in 2007. With the help of my neurologist and my family, I have been fortunate not to let MS define me," Lieutenant Governor Evelyn Sanguinetti said. "I'm honored to join the Illinois Lottery to launch this game and thankful for their support to fight this disease. Hopefully this campaign will bring us one step closer to curing MS."

"With recent advances in disease modifying therapies and treatments, it is a time of great promise for people living with MS," said Sarah Rodriguez, President of the Greater Illinois Chapter of the National MS Society. "Thanks much in part to ongoing Lottery-funded research projects taking place across the state, Illinois is a leader in cutting-edge research aimed at stopping MS in its tracks, restoring what has been lost and ending the disease forever."

All profits for *The MS Project* instant game go to the Illinois Multiple Sclerosis Research Fund, which awards grants to organizations conducting MS research in Illinois. All grants are reviewed and approved by the National MS Society's Research Programs Advisory Committee, a panel that includes 75 leading scientists, physicians, and other professionals from virtually every field related to MS.

"MS is an unpredictable and often disabling disease affecting approximately 400,000 people in the U.S.," said Illinois Department of Public Health Director Nirav D. Shah, M.D., J.D. "We are pleased to partner with the Greater Illinois Chapter of the National MS Society and the Illinois Lottery to fund research to help those diagnosed with MS and to end the devastating disease."

*The MS Project* ticket is available at nearly 8,000 Illinois Lottery retailers throughout the state and is one of five special cause instant games offered by the Illinois Lottery. Other specialty games contribute funding for Illinois veterans, the fight against breast cancer, assistance for people living with HIV/AIDS, and Special Olympics training programs across

Illinois. Since 2006, when the first specialty cause instant game was introduced, the Illinois Lottery has transferred more than \$43 million for causes players have supported through their ticket purchases.

For more information on *The MS Project*, please visit [IllinoisLottery.com](http://IllinoisLottery.com).

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**About the National Multiple Sclerosis Society:** MS stops people from moving. The National MS Society, Greater Illinois and Gateway Area chapters exist to make sure it doesn't. They address the challenges of each person affected by MS by funding cutting-edge research, driving change through advocacy, facilitating professional education, collaborating with MS organizations around the world, and providing programs and services designed to help people with MS and their families move their lives forward.

**About the Illinois Department of Public Health:** Founded in 1877, the Illinois Department of Public Health is responsible for protecting the state's 12.4 million residents, as well as countless visitors, through the prevention and control of disease and injury. The Department's nearly 200 programs touch virtually every age, aspect and cycle of life.



## Lifelong Witt Resident Wins \$75,000 Illinois Lottery Prize

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

March 23, 2017

Media Contact: Mike Lang (217) 524-5158

WITT, IL — Lifelong Witt resident Reeda Bundy played an [Ultimate Crossword](#) ticket and instantly won \$75,000. “I never dreamed I would win such a big prize!” she said when she presented her ticket at the Illinois Lottery Prize Center in Springfield.

Bundy bought her winning *Ultimate Crossword* ticket at Casey’s General Store, 314 N. Hirst St., in Witt. She was at home when she scratched it and discovered her win. “I went straight back to the store to have them double-check my ticket for me.” Her plans for the windfall include sharing with family and paying bills.

Casey’s received \$750, one percent of the prize amount, for selling the winning ticket. *Ultimate Crossword* is a \$25 instant ticket featuring 10 top prizes of \$750,000, five of which have not yet been claimed, and 100 prizes of \$75,000, 51 of which have not yet been claimed. For more information, please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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## Naperville Resident Wins \$40,000 Illinois Lottery Prize

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
November 22, 2017

Media Contact: Jason Schaumburg (312) 793-3034

NAPERVILLE, IL — Naperville resident Alex Seol won \$40,000 in the Tuesday, October 31, *Mega Millions* drawing when his ticket matched four of five numbers and included the *Megaplier* option. The winning numbers were – 06 - 28 - 31 - 52 - 53 – and the *Mega Ball* number was 12. The *Megaplier* was 4. If he had not added the *Megaplier* feature to his ticket, Seol's prize would have been \$10,000.

A regular *Mega Millions* player, Seol also occasionally plays *Powerball*. He bought his \$40,000 winning *Mega Millions* ticket at Stop N Go, 355 N. Schmidt Road, in Bolingbrook. The retailer received a \$400 bonus, one percent of the prize amount, for selling the winning ticket.

More than 15,700 Illinois Lottery players won prizes ranging from \$2 to \$40,000 in this *Mega Millions* drawing. The *Mega Millions* drawings take place Tuesday and Friday nights at 10:00 p.m. Tickets cost \$2 per play. For more information, please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

### **About the Illinois Lottery**

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## Lombard Resident Wins \$1 Million Illinois Lottery Prize

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

November 28, 2017

Media Contact: Jason Schaumburg (312) 793-3034

LOMBARD, IL – Lombard resident Beth Zirbes was grocery shopping when she scratched an Illinois Lottery [\\$300,000,000 Cash Spectacular](#) ticket and instantly won \$1,000,000. “I was shocked! It’s seems crazy that you can become a millionaire while walking around the grocery store!”

Zirbes bought her \$1,000,000 winning ticket out of the self-service lottery machine at Jewel-Osco, 33 E. St. Charles Road, in Villa Park. When she realized how much she won, she immediately signed the back of her ticket. She opted to receive her \$1,000,000 prize as a one-time payment of \$600,000 (less required withholding). Her plans for the money include paying off her two daughters’ student loans and investing. “And I’ll probably spend a little more on Christmas gifts this year.”

Jewel-Osco received a bonus of \$10,000, equal to one percent of the prize amount, for selling the winning ticket. [\\$300,000,000 Cash Spectacular](#) is a \$10 instant ticket that offers \$300,000,000 in prizes. Of the 35 top prizes of \$1 million available to be won, eight have not been claimed. For more information, please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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## Carbondale Resident Wins \$750,000 Illinois Lottery Prize!

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
November 21, 2017

Media Contact: Mike Lang (217) 524-5158

CARBONDALE, IL — Carbondale resident Buelah Simmons scratched an [Ultimate Crossword](#) ticket and instantly won a top prize of \$750,000. “I’m so happy to have this money to share with my family during the holidays!” she said when she presented her winning ticket at the Illinois Lottery Prize Center in Fairview Heights. She also plans to donate to her church and favorite charity.

Simmons buys one instant lottery ticket every week. She bought her \$750,000 winning ticket at Shell, 2301 Reed Station Parkway, in Carbondale. Shell received \$7,500, one percent of the prize amount, for selling the winning ticket. *Ultimate Crossword* is a \$25 instant ticket featuring top prizes of \$750,000 and \$75,000. Two of the \$750,000 prizes and 18 of the \$75,000 prizes have not been claimed. For more information, please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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## Lucky Day for Palatine Resident, Wins \$500,000 Illinois Lottery Prize!

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

November 1, 2017

Media Contact: Jason Schaumburg (312) 793-3034

PALATINE, IL — Palatine resident Camilo Dulay won \$500,000 when his [Lucky Day Lotto](#) ticket matched all five numbers – 06 - 13 - 22 - 31 - 37 – in the Thursday, October 5, evening drawing. “I plan to invest this money in my four children’s education,” he said when he presented his ticket at the Illinois Lottery Prize Center in Des Plaines.

Dulay has been playing *Lucky Day Lotto* for five years. He bought his winning Quick Pick ticket at Speedway, 1288 N. Rand Road, in Palatine. The retailer received a bonus of \$5,000, or one percent of the prize amount, for selling the winning ticket.

More than 18,000 players won prizes ranging from \$1 to \$200 in this *Lucky Day Lotto* drawing. *Lucky Day Lotto* drawings are twice a day, seven days a week. For more information, please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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## Lifelong Chicago Resident Wins \$250,000 Illinois Lottery Prize

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
November 30, 2017

Media Contact: Jason Schaumburg (312) 793-3034

CHICAGO, IL — Lifelong Chicago resident Carol Lampkins scratched an [Emerald Green 7s](#) ticket and instantly won a top prize of \$250,000. “I’m so grateful for this. I’m going to pay all of my bills,” she said when she presented her winning ticket at the Illinois Lottery Prize Center in Chicago.

Lampkins bought her ticket at Way Low Wine and Spirits, 12310 S. Halsted St., in Chicago, and took it home to scratch. The retailer received \$2,500, one percent of the prize amount, for selling the winning ticket. *Emerald Green 7s* is a \$5 instant ticket with a top prize of \$250,000. Of the seven top prizes available, two have not been claimed. For more information, please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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## Dream Comes True for Rock Island Resident, Wins \$550,000 Illinois Lottery Prize!

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

November 2, 2017

Media Contact: Jason Schaumburg (312) 793-3034

ROCK ISLAND, IL — For lifelong Rock Island resident Christal Zaleski, winning an Illinois Lottery jackpot prize is a dream come true. “I had a dream that I won the lottery, and then I won!” she said when her [Lucky Day Lotto](#) ticket matched all five numbers – 11 - 12 - 14 - 25 - 35 – to win \$550,000 in the Thursday, October 19, midday drawing.

Zaleski has been playing the same numbers for more than two years. She discovered her win when she checked the winning *Lucky Day Lotto* numbers on the Illinois Lottery website. “I was shocked to see my numbers on the screen. I think I’m still in shock!” She immediately signed the back of her ticket. She plans to share the money with family and invest.

The winning ticket was purchased at Shell, 111 E. 10<sup>th</sup> St., in Milan. The retailer received a bonus of \$5,500, or 1 percent of the prize amount, for selling the winning ticket. More than 14,500 players won prizes ranging from \$1 to \$200 in this *Lucky Day Lotto* drawing. *Lucky Day Lotto* drawings are twice a day, seven days a week. For more information, please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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## Bartlett Resident Wins \$75,000 Illinois Lottery Prize

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

September 14, 2017

Media Contact: Christopher Gallo [christopher.gallo@illinois.gov](mailto:christopher.gallo@illinois.gov)

BARTLETT, IL— “I’ve never won anything before! This is wonderful!” Bartlett resident Barbara Lach said after scratching an Illinois Lottery [Crossword](#) ticket and instantly winning a top prize of \$75,000.

Lach bought her ticket out of the lottery self-service machine at Jewel-Osco, 125 E. Sterns Road, in Bartlett, and took it home to scratch. “I like doing crossword puzzles, so once in a while I buy a *Crossword* lottery ticket.” She plans to share the money with her children and donate to her church.

Jewel-Osco received a \$750 bonus, equal to one percent of the prize amount, for selling the winning ticket. *Crossword* is a \$5 instant ticket offering 42 top prizes of \$75,000, 14 of which have not been claimed. For more information, please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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## McLean County Resident Wins \$250,000 Illinois Lottery Prize

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
September 20, 2017

Media Contact: Mike Lang (217) 524-5158

LEXINGTON, IL — Lexington resident Cheryl Wells played a [\\$250,000 Crossword](#) ticket and instantly won a top prize of \$250,000. “I checked my ticket again and again. I still can’t believe I won such a big prize!” she said when she presented her winning ticket at the Illinois Lottery Prize Center in Springfield.

Wells has lived in Lexington for 35 years. She is a manager at Lexington Finer Foods, 210 W. Main St., in Lexington, and was on a break at work when she bought and scratched her \$250,000 winning ticket. She plans to pay bills and invest for retirement.

Lexington Finer Foods received \$2,500, one percent of the prize amount, for selling the winning ticket. [\\$250,000 Crossword](#) is a \$10 instant ticket with a top prize of \$250,000. Of the 32 top prizes available, 16 have not been claimed. For more information, please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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# Mount Zion Resident Wins \$1,000,000 Powerball Prize

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
September 13, 2017

Media Contact: Mike Lang (217) 524-5158

MOUNT ZION, IL — Mount Zion resident David Marques won a \$1,000,000 [Powerball](#) prize when his \$2 Quick Pick ticket matched the first five numbers in the Saturday, August 12, drawing. The winning numbers were – 20 - 24 - 26 - 35 - 49 – and the *Powerball* number was 19.

Marques and his wife plan to pay their bills and invest. “It is going to feel great to be debt-free!” They may also spend some of the windfall on a trip to Hawaii next year to celebrate their 30<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

An occasional *Powerball* player, Marques said he buys a ticket when the jackpot is unusually high. He was on his way to a baseball game in St. Louis, Missouri, when he stopped at West End Food Mart, 416 S. O’Bannon St., in Raymond, and bought his ticket. The retailer received a bonus of \$10,000, or one percent of the prize amount, for selling the winning ticket.

More than 68,000 players won prizes ranging from \$4 to \$1,000,000 in this *Powerball* drawing, including three \$50,000 Match 4 prizes. *Powerball* drawings are held Wednesday and Saturday at 9:59 pm. For more information, please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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## Lucky Day for McHenry County Resident, Wins \$450,000 Illinois Lottery Prize!

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

September 19, 2017

Media Contact: Jason Schaumburg (312) 793-3034

HEBRON, IL — “It was my lucky day!” Hebron resident Donald Raef said after winning a \$450,000 [Lucky Day Lotto](#) prize when his ticket matched all five numbers – 03 - 04 - 09 - 16 - 28 – in the Friday, September 8, evening drawing.

A regular *Lucky Day Lotto* player, Raef has been playing the same numbers for several years. His plans for the windfall include buying a house.

The winning ticket was purchased at BP, 7615 US Highway 14, in Crystal Lake. The retailer received a bonus of \$4,500, or one percent of the prize amount, for selling the winning ticket. More than 22,000 players won prizes ranging from \$1 to \$200 in this drawing. *Lucky Day Lotto* drawings are twice a day, seven days a week. For more information, please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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## Lifelong Edwardsville Resident Wins \$250,000 Illinois Lottery Prize!

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

September 26, 2017

Media Contact: Mike Lang (217) 524-5158

EDWARDSVILLE, IL — Lifelong Edwardsville resident Jeff Stoecklin won a \$250,000 [Lucky Day Lotto](#) prize when his ticket matched all five numbers – 23 - 24 - 26 - 32 - 36 – in the Friday, September 15, midday drawing. “I plan to invest this money wisely,” he said when he presented his ticket at the Illinois Lottery Prize Center in Fairview Heights.

Stoecklin, 55, is a regular *Lucky Day Lotto* player. He bought his \$250,000 winning ticket at MotoMart, 1905 N. Main St, in Edwardsville. The retailer received a bonus of \$2,500, or one percent of the prize amount, for selling the winning ticket. More than 8,900 players won prizes ranging from \$1 to \$200 in this *Lucky Day Lotto* drawing. *Lucky Day Lotto* drawings are twice a day, seven days a week. For more information, please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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## St. Clair County Resident Wins \$100,000 Illinois Lottery Prize

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

September 28, 2017

Media Contact: Mike Lang (217) 524-5158

MASCOUTAH, IL— Mascoutah resident John Wright played a [Million \\$\\$ Match](#) ticket and instantly won a \$100,000 prize. “I feel so lucky!” he said when he presented his winning ticket at the Illinois Lottery Prize Center in Springfield.

Wright was at Speedi-Chek, 1040 W. Main St., in Mascoutah, when he bought and scratched his *Million \$\$ Match* ticket. “I was shocked when I saw the \$100,000 prize amount! I signed the back of my ticket right away.” His plans for the windfall include helping his daughter pay for college.

Speedi-Chek received a \$1,000 bonus, 1 percent of the prize amount, for selling a winning ticket. *Million \$\$ Match* is a \$30 instant ticket featuring three top prizes of \$5,000,000, five prizes of \$1,000,000 and 14 prizes of \$100,000. Two of the \$5,000,000 prizes, three of the \$1,000,000 prizes, and eight of the \$100,000 prizes, have not been claimed. For more information, please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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## Freeport Resident Wins \$75,000 Illinois Lottery Prize!

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

September 8, 2017

Media Contact: Mike Lang (217) 524-5158

FREEPORT, IL — Lifelong Freeport resident Kayla Hagen played an [Ultimate Crossword](#) ticket and instantly won \$75,000. “I’m so excited! I’m going to buy a truck and save the rest for my wedding,” she said when she presented her ticket at the Illinois Lottery Prize Center in Rockford.

Hagen buys one or two lottery tickets each week. She was at Khodiyar Gas & Food, 342 N. Park Blvd., in Freeport, when she bought and scratched her \$75,000 winning ticket. The retailer received \$750, one percent of the prize amount, for selling the winning ticket. *Ultimate Crossword* is a \$25 instant ticket featuring top prizes of \$750,000 and \$75,000. Three of the \$750,000 prizes and 30 of the \$75,000 prizes have not been claimed. For more information, please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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## Winnebago County Resident Wins \$250,000 Illinois Lottery Prize

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
September 21, 2017

Media Contact: Jason Schaumburg (312) 793-3034

LOVES PARK, IL— Loves Park resident Laura Carroll scratched a [Casino Royale](#) ticket and instantly won a top prize of \$250,000. “This is incredible! I am going to pay off all of my student loans,” she said when she presented her ticket at the Illinois Lottery Prize Center in Rockford.

Carroll bought her winning ticket at Phillips 66, 4291 N. Perryville Road, in Loves Park. The retailer received a \$2,500 bonus, 1 percent of the prize amount, for selling a winning ticket. *Casino Royale* is a \$5 ticket featuring three top prizes of \$250,000, two of which have not been claimed. For more information, please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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# Calm, Cool, and Collecting \$7.25 Million!

## *Wheaton Resident Hits Lotto Jackpot*

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
September 6, 2017

Media Contact: Christopher Gallo [christopher.gallo@illinois.gov](mailto:christopher.gallo@illinois.gov)

WHEATON, IL – “I have been surprisingly calm about winning this prize,” Marcelina Lacson said when she presented her \$7,250,000 winning *Lotto* ticket at the Illinois Lottery Prize Center in Des Plaines. “When the Chicago Cubs won the World Series, I was jumping and screaming, but when I found out I won the lottery, I was very quiet.” The lucky Wheaton resident hit the jackpot when her *Lotto* ticket matched all six numbers – 02 - 06 - 08 - 10 - 12 - 15 – in the Monday, July 31, drawing.

Lacson has lived in Wheaton for 37 years. She was at home when she saw the winning *Lotto* numbers on television, discovered her \$7,250,000 win, and then immediately signed the back of her ticket. Her plans for the money include sharing with family and investing.

A regular *Lotto* player, Lacson buys a ticket for each drawing and always plays the same numbers, which are family birthdays. She bought her winning ticket at DuPage Pantry Plus, 238 N. Gables Blvd., in Wheaton. The retailer will receive a bonus of \$72,500, or one percent of the prize amount, for selling the winning ticket.

More than 73,200 players won prizes ranging from \$1 to \$500 in this *Lotto* drawing. *Lotto* drawings are held Monday, Thursday, and Saturday at 9:22 pm. For more information, please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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## Chicago Resident Wins \$250,000 Illinois Lottery Prize

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
September 12, 2017

Media Contact: Christopher Gallo [christopher.gallo@illinois.gov](mailto:christopher.gallo@illinois.gov)

CHICAGO, IL — Chicago resident Michael Williams played a [\\$250,000 Crossword](#) ticket and instantly won a top prize of \$250,000. “This is great! I’m going to pay my bills and then invest the rest of this money,” he said when he presented his winning ticket at the Illinois Lottery Prize Center in Chicago.

Williams bought his winning ticket at Kedzie BP, 6500 S. Kedzie Ave., in Chicago. The retailer received \$2,500, one percent of the prize amount, for selling the winning ticket. [\\$250,000 Crossword](#) is a \$10 instant ticket with a top prize of \$250,000. Of the 32 top prizes available, 16 have not been claimed. For more information, please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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# Hazel Crest Resident Wins \$100,000 Powerball Prize

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
September 15, 2017

Media Contact: Christopher Gallo [christopher.gallo@illinois.gov](mailto:christopher.gallo@illinois.gov)

HAZEL CREST, IL — Hazel Crest resident Patricia Morris won \$100,000 in the Wednesday, August 30, [Powerball](#) drawing when her Quick Pick ticket matched four numbers, plus the *Powerball* number. The winning numbers were – 19 - 28 - 43 - 67 - 69 – and the *Powerball* number was 07. Because Morris added the *PowerPlay* multiplier feature to her ticket for an extra \$1, and the *PowerPlay* number was 02, she won \$100,000. If she had not added the *PowerPlay*, her prize would have been \$50,000.

“I never thought I would win such a big prize!” Morris said when she presented her winning ticket at the Illinois Lottery Prize Center in Des Plaines. She plans to use the windfall to buy a house.

A regular *Powerball* player, Morris said she buys a Quick Pick ticket for each drawing and always buys her tickets at Amstar, 18659 S. Halsted St., in Glenwood. The retailer received a bonus of \$1,000, one percent of the prize amount, for selling a winning ticket. *Powerball* drawings are at 9:59 PM (CT) every Wednesday and Saturday. For more information, please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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## Freeburg Resident Wins \$50,000 Illinois Lottery Prize!

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

September 5, 2017

Media Contact: Mike Lang (217) 524-5158

FREEBURG, IL — “When I saw how much I won, I started shaking and crying!” Freeburg resident Rhonda Pour said after playing an Illinois Lottery [Keno](#) ticket and instantly winning a top prize of \$50,000.

Pour has lived in Freeburg for 25 years. She was in Belleville when she stopped to get gas at Circle K, 755 S. Belt W., and decided to buy a *Keno* ticket. “I was in the right place at the right time!” She plans to spend some of the windfall travelling to visit her daughter, who recently joined the U.S. Air Force.

Circle K received \$500, one percent of the prize amount, for selling the winning ticket. *Keno* is a \$3 instant ticket featuring three top prizes of \$50,000, two of which have not been claimed. For more information, please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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# Lisle Resident Wins \$250,000 Illinois Lottery Prize

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
September 29, 2017

Media Contact: Jason Schaumburg (312) 793-3034

LISLE, IL— Lisle resident Robert Cavalier scratched a [25X The Money](#) ticket and instantly won a top prize of \$250,000. “I never imagined I would win so much money!” he said when he presented his ticket at the Illinois Lottery Prize Center in Des Plaines.

Cavalier, 67, bought his winning ticket at Lisle Liquors, 4719 Main St., in Lisle, and took it home to scratch. When he revealed the \$250,000 prize amount, he thought he must have made a mistake. He returned to the store to have the clerk scan his ticket. “The clerk confirmed my win, congratulated me, and shook my hand. I think I’ve been in a daze ever since!” He plans to buy furniture and a car, and invest the remainder of the windfall.

Lisle Liquors received a \$2,500 bonus, 1 percent of the prize amount, for selling a winning ticket. *25X The Money* is a \$5 ticket featuring 12 top prizes of \$250,000, three of which have not been claimed. For more information, please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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## Glen Ellyn Resident Wins \$2 Million Illinois Lottery Prize

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
September 22, 2017

Media Contact: Jason Schaumburg (312) 793-3030

GLEN ELLYN, IL — Glen Ellyn resident Robert Deitch played an Illinois Lottery [50X The Money](#) ticket and instantly won a top prize of \$2,000,000.

Deitch was on his way to work when he bought his winning ticket at Gateway Newstand, 2 N. Riverside Plaza, in Chicago. He chose to take his prize as a one-time payment of \$1,200,000, prior to withholding. When asked about his plans for the money, he said, "I'm going to buy a couple of things and then invest the rest."

Gateway Newstand received a bonus of \$20,000, one percent of the prize amount, for selling the winning ticket. *50X The Money* is a \$10 instant ticket with a top prize of \$2,000,000. Of the four top prizes available, one has not been claimed. For more information, please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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## Lifelong Quincy Resident Wins \$75,000 Illinois Lottery Prize!

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

September 1, 2017

Media Contact: Mike Lang (217) 524-5158

QUINCY, IL — Lifelong Quincy resident Samuel Baehr plans to buy a house after winning a \$75,000 prize on an Illinois Lottery [Ultimate Crossword](#) instant ticket.

Baehr was having breakfast with his wife and son at Wilco Fast Break, 4801 State St., in Quincy, when he bought his ticket. “I had a feeling I was going to win big, and I was right!”

Wilco Fast Break received \$750, one percent of the prize amount, for selling the winning ticket. *Ultimate Crossword* is a \$25 instant ticket featuring top prizes of \$750,000 and \$75,000. Three of the \$750,000 prizes and 32 of the \$75,000 prizes have not been claimed. For more information, please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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## Lucky Day for Pekin Resident, Wins \$700,000 Illinois Lottery Prize!

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
September 7, 2017

Media Contact: Mike Lang (217) 524-5158

PEKIN, IL — Pekin resident Tyler Mulvey won a \$700,000 [Lucky Day Lotto](#) prize when his \$1 Quick Pick ticket matched all five numbers – 14 - 27 - 29 - 33 - 38 – in the Monday, August 14, midday drawing. “When I realized I won, I was shocked. I almost fainted!” he said when he presented his ticket at the Illinois Lottery Prize Center in Springfield.

Mulvey plays *Lucky Day Lotto* once or twice a month, and always buys a Quick Pick ticket. “I hear about big lottery winners all the time, but I never thought I would be one of them!” He bought his \$700,000 winning ticket at Pottsie’s Place, 303 Margaret St., in Pekin. He plans to pay off his student loans and save the rest of the windfall to buy a house.

Pottsie’s Place received a bonus of \$7,000, or one percent of the prize amount, for selling the winning ticket. More than 13,600 players won prizes ranging from \$1 to \$200 in this drawing. *Lucky Day Lotto* drawings are twice a day, seven days a week. For more information, please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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## Cumberland County Resident Wins \$75,000 Illinois Lottery Prize!

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

November 16, 2017

Media Contact: Mike Lang (217) 524-5158

TOLEDO, IL — Lifelong Toledo resident Daniel Henson scratched an [Ultimate Crossword](#) ticket and thought he won \$1,000. When he visited the Illinois Lottery Prize Center in Fairview Heights and presented his ticket to claim his prize, he learned that he actually won \$75,000. “I was shocked! I kept asking the lottery staff, ‘Is this a joke? Are you kidding me?’”

An occasional lottery player, Henson was at Circle K, 103 W. Jourdan St., in Newton, getting a cup of coffee when he bought his winning ticket. “When I saw the tickets, I had a feeling that I should get one. I guess I chose the right one!” He plans to spend his winnings on home improvements.

Circle K received \$750, one percent of the prize amount, for selling the winning ticket. *Ultimate Crossword* is a \$25 instant ticket featuring top prizes of \$750,000 and \$75,000. Two of the \$750,000 prizes and 18 of the \$75,000 prizes have not been claimed. For more information, please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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# Lifelong Elk Grove Village Resident Wins \$50,000 Illinois Lottery Prize

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
November 7, 2017

Media Contact: Jason Schaumburg (312) 793-3034

ELK GROVE VILLAGE, IL — Lifelong Elk Grove Village resident Erik Childress won a \$50,000 [Powerball](#) prize when his ticket matched four numbers, plus the *Powerball* number, in the Wednesday, October 25, drawing. The winning numbers were – 18 - 22 - 29 - 54 - 57 – and the *Powerball* number was 08. “I’m going to pay bills and spend some of this money on home improvements,” he said when he presented his ticket at the Illinois Lottery Prize Center in Des Plaines.

Childress bought his \$50,000 winning ticket at 7-Eleven, 565 N. Landmeier Road, in Elk Grove Village. The retailer received a bonus of \$500, one percent of the prize amount, for selling a winning ticket. *Powerball* drawings are at 9:59 PM (CT) every Wednesday and Saturday. For more information, please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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## Markham Resident Wins \$675,000 Illinois Lottery Prize!

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

November 29, 2017

Media Contact: Jason Schaumburg (312) 793-3034

MARKHAM, IL — Markham resident LaSaunya Jackson won \$675,000 when her [Lucky Day Lotto](#) ticket matched all five numbers – 04 - 15 - 24 - 25 - 45 – in the Wednesday, November 15, evening drawing. “This is so exciting! I’m absolutely overwhelmed,” she said when she presented her ticket at the Illinois Lottery Prize Center in Chicago.

Jackson chose family birthdays as her numbers and bought her ticket at Marathon, 2 E. 159<sup>th</sup> St., in Harvey. She was at home when her husband checked the winning *Lucky Day Lotto* numbers on the Illinois Lottery website and told her that her ticket was a winner. “I didn’t believe him! I never imagined we would win such a big prize so I thought he must be joking.” Plans for the windfall include paying bills and investing.

Two winning tickets split the November 15 *Lucky Day Lotto* \$1,350,000 jackpot. The other \$675,000 winning ticket, a Quick Pick, was purchased at Luciano’s Grocery, 1714 W. 18th St., in Chicago. Marathon and Luciano’s Grocery each received a bonus of \$6,750, one percent of the prize amount, for selling the winning tickets.

More than 39,500 players won prizes ranging from \$1 to \$200 in this *Lucky Day Lotto* drawing. *Lucky Day Lotto* drawings are twice a day, seven days a week. For more information, please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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## Shelby County Resident Wins \$1 Million Illinois Lottery Prize

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
November 8, 2017

Media Contact: Mike Lang (217) 524-5158

WINDSOR, IL – Windsor resident Lisa Doss scratched a [\\$300,000,000 Cash Spectacular](#) ticket and instantly won \$1 million. “I was so shocked when I saw the prize amount, I started shaking and I couldn’t speak!” she said when she presented her winning ticket at the Illinois Lottery Prize Center in Springfield.

Doss was at EK Petro Mart, 1520 Kentucky Ave., in Windsor, when she bought and scratched her ticket. “The *\$300,000,000 Cash Spectacular* tickets have been lucky for me. Before this big win, I won two \$1,000 prizes playing this game.” She opted to receive her \$1,000,000 prize as a one-time payment of \$600,000 (less required withholding), and plans to invest the money.

EK Petro Mart received a bonus of \$10,000, equal to one percent of the prize amount, for selling the winning ticket. *\$300,000,000 Cash Spectacular* is a \$10 instant ticket that offers \$300,000,000 in prizes. Of the 35 top prizes of \$1 million available to be won, nine have not been claimed. For more information, please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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## Williamson County Resident Wins \$650,000 Illinois Lottery Prize!

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

November 14, 2017

Media Contact: Mike Lang (217) 524-5158

COLP, IL — Colp resident Michael Sherrill won \$650,000 when his [Lucky Day Lotto](#) Quick Pick ticket matched all five numbers – 12 - 30 - 37 - 42 - 43 – in the Thursday, November 2, evening drawing.

Sherrill, 56, has lived in Colp for 32 years. He was at home when he checked the winning *Lucky Day Lotto* numbers on the Illinois Lottery website and discovered his win. He and his wife plan to share the windfall with family, donate to their church, and invest.

A regular *Lucky Day Lotto* player, Sherrill said he always buys a Quick Pick ticket. He bought his \$650,000 winning ticket at Hucks, 520 S. Park Ave., in Herrin. The retailer received a bonus of \$6,500, one percent of the prize amount, for selling the winning ticket.

More than 18,500 players won prizes ranging from \$1 to \$200 in this *Lucky Day Lotto* drawing. *Lucky Day Lotto* drawings are twice a day, seven days a week. For more information, please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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## Glenwood Resident Wins \$400,000 Illinois Lottery Prize!

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

November 3, 2017

Media Contact: Jason Schaumburg (312) 793-3034

GLENWOOD, IL — Glenwood resident Ramone Houston plans to buy a new house after winning \$400,000 when his [Lucky Day Lotto](#) ticket matched all five numbers – 02 - 06 - 12 - 18 - 20 – in the Saturday, October 14, midday drawing.

Houston used his children’s birthdays as his numbers and bought his winning ticket at Stop & Go Food & Liquor, 2746 Chicago Road, in Chicago Heights. The retailer received a bonus of \$4,000, or 1 percent of the prize amount, for selling the winning ticket.

More than 12,700 players won prizes ranging from \$1 to \$200 in this *Lucky Day Lotto* drawing. *Lucky Day Lotto* drawings are twice a day, seven days a week. For more information, please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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## Coles County Resident Wins \$250,000 Illinois Lottery Prize

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

March 15, 2017

Media Contact: Mike Lang (217) 524-5158

CHARLESTON, IL — “This is awesome!” Charleston resident Tony Shriver said when he presented his \$250,000 winning [Ruby Red 7s](#) instant ticket at the Illinois Lottery Prize Center in Springfield.

Shriver, 43, has lived in Coles County all his life. He buys one instant lottery ticket each week and said he likes the *Ruby Red 7s* ticket because it has been lucky for him. “A few weeks ago I won \$100 on this game.” He and his wife were at Lambos BP, 100 Miller Road, in Mattoon, when he bought his \$250,000 winning ticket. He scratched his ticket in the car on the ride home. “My wife was driving and when I saw that I won, she turned around and we went back to the store. When they confirmed that we won a quarter of a million dollars, she started to cry!” They plan to spend their winnings on a house.

Lambos BP received \$2,500, one percent of the prize amount, for selling the winning ticket. *Ruby Red 7s* is a \$5 instant ticket featuring seven top prizes of \$250,000, one of which has not yet been claimed. For more information, please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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## Lucky Day for Addison Resident! Wins \$450,000 Illinois Lottery Prize

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

January 30, 2017

Media Contact: Jason Schaumburg (312) 793-3034

ADDISON, IL — “I am very excited that I can now buy a house for my family,” Yaret Benitez said when she presented her \$450,000 winning [Lucky Day Lotto](#) ticket at the Illinois Lottery Prize Center in Des Plaines. She won the jackpot prize when her \$1 Quick Pick ticket matched all five numbers – 21 - 26 - 39 - 41 - 42 – in the Tuesday, December 27, evening drawing.

Benitez, 23, has lived in Addison for eight years. She plays *Lucky Day Lotto* once or twice a week and always buys a Quick Pick. She bought her \$450,000 winning ticket at Shell, 296 S. Gary Ave., in Bloomingdale. The retailer received a bonus of \$4,500, or one percent of the prize amount, for selling the winning ticket.

More than 15,000 players won prizes ranging from \$1 to \$200 in this *Lucky Day Lotto* evening drawing. *Lucky Day Lotto* drawings are twice a day, seven days a week. For more information, please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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## **Stop for Gas Fills Bank Account!** ***Elmhurst Resident Wins \$200,000 Illinois Lottery Prize***

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

February 28, 2017

Media Contact: Jason Schaumburg (312) 793-3034

To request a high resolution photo, please email [photos@northstarlottery.net](mailto:photos@northstarlottery.net).

ELMHURST, IL — Elmhurst resident William Hayes had just filled his gas tank and was going into the store to pay for it when his wife said, “Maybe you should get us a lottery ticket.” He bought a \$1 [Lucky Day Lotto](#) Quick Pick ticket and won \$200,000 when it matched all five numbers – 02 - 11 - 22 - 38 - 42 – in the Tuesday, January 24, evening drawing.

Hayes discovered his win the night of the drawing when he checked the winning *Lucky Day Lotto* numbers on the Illinois Lottery website. “We plan to spend a little and save the rest,” he said when asked about plans for the windfall.

An occasional lottery player, Hayes said he buys one or two tickets per month, “but I really never expected to win a big prize.” He bought his \$200,000 winning ticket at Thorntons, 250 E. Roosevelt Road, in Villa Park. The retailer received a bonus of \$2,000, or one percent of the prize amount, for selling the winning ticket.

More than 13,000 players won prizes ranging from \$1 to \$200 in this *Lucky Day Lotto* evening drawing. *Lucky Day Lotto* drawings are twice a day, seven days a week. For more information, please visit [illinoislottery.com](http://illinoislottery.com).

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## Illinois Lottery Partners with Scholastic Books to Bring a Reading Oasis to Ottawa

### For Immediate Release

Contact: Jason Schaumburg (312) 793-3034

Ottawa, IL (December 4, 2017) – A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held today at Ottawa Youth Services Bureau to commemorate a Reading Oasis sponsored by the Illinois Lottery and Scholastic Books. State Sen. Sue Rezin and Ottawa Mayor Robert Eschbach joined Illinois Lottery Acting Director Greg Smith and Youth Services Bureau Board President Marty Ricconi in opening the new Reading Oasis.

“Ottawa is one of the towns that was hardest hit by tornadoes earlier this year, and our goal was to provide books as a means of lending comfort and support,” Acting Director Smith said. “This Oasis represents a place where students can expand their knowledge and increase their reading skills.”

The Reading Oasis will promote literacy and provide a safe, nurturing environment for students and parents. The Oasis will house a custom library with 1,800 books to serve students in grades K-8. The Oasis also will offer Listening Libraries for younger children and furniture designed in a creative setting to entice children to sit down with a good book.

Youth Services Bureau works with families in the community that have endured hardship and children whose lives have been up-ended by changing social circumstances. They help young people and families succeed by serving them in their home, school, and community.

“Youth Service Bureau is honored to be part of such a worthwhile endeavor,” Board President Ricconi said. “In all our programs, we try to stimulate, support, and encourage the creativity in the children we work with. Reading opens up unlimited avenues, and possibilities for a child's view of the world.”

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