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Weekly Grand™ Winner Set For Retirement – But Still Planning To Keep Working



Winner Theresa "Terry" Ballew and Reagan E. Greer, Executive Director of the Texas Lottery Commission.

(Austin, January 16) - Rodney Ballew likes to buy Weekly Grand™ tickets from the Texas Lottery® because he thought that \$1,000 a week would help him and his wife, Theresa, in their retirement. Ballew said that he also likes to "scratch" the ticket a particular way, uncovering the prizes first. He didn't get too excited when he saw "GRAND" on the ticket he bought for his wife, thinking the \$40 wasn't a bad prize. But when he learned that her prize was \$1,000 a week for twenty years, he was pretty happy that he bought that ticket.

Theresa "Terry" Ballew of Godly, Texas, south of Fort Worth, claimed the top-prize today at Texas Lottery Commission headquarters in Austin, a GRAND total of \$1,040,000, before taxes. She had time to catch her breath after her husband told her he had a winning ticket for her, and she plans to keep working at her job at a doctor's office.

"My boss did a double-take when I showed him the ticket," Terry Ballew said. "At first he just said, 'That's nice' but then he came back and said, 'That's more than a million dollars! You're not quitting, are you?' I told him I wasn't planning on leaving."

Terry Ballew wants to continue work on her degree and fulfill her dream of being a teacher.

There's also one more thing she needs to do: "I have another winning Weekly Grand ticket to cash," she said. "That one's for \$2."

The winning ticket was bought at Park N Shop on 1200 North Main Street in Cleburne. The retailer is eligible for a bonus of \$10,000 for selling a top-prize ticket.

Weekly Grand was first issued in May of 1995. Re-issued 11 times, it has been one of the most popular games ever offered by

the Texas Lottery. Since its inception, the game has created 62 millionaires, winners of the top prize of \$1,040,000.

For more information about the Texas Lottery, please visit the official Texas Lottery Commission Web site at www.txlottery.org.