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**SLEEPY BERTRAM SCRATCH-OFF PLAYER
CLAIMS \$75,000 RAISE THE STAKES TOP PRIZE**



(AUSTIN) – Iris Gilmore of Bertram didn't sleep too well Wednesday night, but she was feeling a lot better yesterday after claiming a \$75,000 top prize in the Texas Lottery® *Raise the Stakes* scratch-off game.

"I bought the ticket pretty late Wednesday night and I was sitting out on the back porch when I scratched it," said Gilmore. "I couldn't believe my eyes, so I hollered at my husband to come verify it!"

After a restless night, Gilmore and her husband drove about an hour southeast to get the official verification of her ticket at the Texas Lottery Claim Center in Austin.

Gilmore is a regular scratch-off and *Cash Five*® player, but she said the most she'd ever won before was \$500 several years ago. This time, she knows exactly what she'll do with her winnings.

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“I’m going to pay off all our bills and be debt free,” said Gilmore.

“I’m sure Mrs. Gilmore will sleep a lot better after collecting her \$75,000 *Raise the Stakes* prize,” said Anthony J. Sadberry, acting executive director for the Texas Lottery. “This was the fourth of ten *Raise the Stakes* top prizes to be claimed, and there are thousands of lower-tier prizes remaining, so there are still plenty of opportunities to win.”

In addition to the \$75,000 top prize for the \$7 *Raise the Stakes* scratch-off game, other cash prizes include: \$2,000, \$500, \$100, \$50, \$20, \$15, \$10 and \$7.

Gilmore purchased her ticket at the HEB #433 located at 105 South Boundary in Burnet.

Tonight’s *Mega Millions*[®] jackpot is an estimated \$80 million. Saturday’s *Lotto Texas*[®] jackpot will be worth an estimated \$7 million.

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