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TEXAS LOTTERY® PLAYER FROM GRAND SALINE HAS 1 MILLION NEW REASONS TO BE THANKFUL

(AUSTIN) – Mary K. Baker of Grand Saline claimed a \$1 million instant prize just in time for Thanksgiving. This is the 38th of 40 second-tier prizes to be claimed in the Texas Lottery[®] scratchoff \$500,000,000 Blockbuster.

With more than half-a-billion dollars in total prizes, \$500,000,000 Blockbuster offers excellent overall odds of one in 2.77, including break-even prizes. Two \$1 million prizes, one top prize worth \$2.5 million and thousands of prizes ranging from \$20 to \$25,000 currently remain unclaimed.

Baker, who requested minimal publicity, purchased her lucky ticket at the Metro Mart 4 located at 3801 Chandler Highway in Tyler. For selling the winning ticket, the store is eligible for a \$10,000 retailer bonus.

Tonight's Mega Millions[®] jackpot is an estimated \$33 million. Wednesday's Powerball[®] jackpot is an estimated \$250 million, and the *Lotto Texas*[®] jackpot is an estimated \$7 million.

About the Texas Lottery

Beginning with the first ticket sold in 1992, the Texas Lottery has generated more than \$20 billion in revenue for the state and distributed \$39 billion in prizes to lottery players. Since 1997, the Texas Lottery has contributed more than \$14 billion to the Foundation School Fund, which supports public education in Texas. As authorized by the Texas Legislature, certain Texas Lottery revenues benefit state programs including the Fund for Veterans' Assistance.

Celebrating its 20th anniversary this year, the Texas Lottery provides several entertaining games for lottery players including Powerball, Mega Millions, Lotto Texas, All or Nothing [™], Texas Two $Step^{\otimes}$, $Pick 3^{\mathsf{TM}}$, $Daily 4^{\mathsf{TM}}$, $Cash \ Five^{\otimes}$ and scratch-offs. For more information visit us on Facebook, Twitter, YouTube or at www.txlottery.org.

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