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EDNA RESIDENT WINS \$35,000 TOP PRIZE IN BONUS WORD CROSSWORD SCRATCH-OFF GAME

(**Austin**) – Gerri Anderson of Edna won the top prize of \$35,000 in *Bonus Word Crossword*, a \$3 scratch-off game from the Texas Lottery[®].

"I've been a regular player for five years," Anderson said. "The only way to win is to keep trying."

Anderson said she was "nervous and excited" to win. She told lottery officials she plans to pay off a few debts and invest the rest of her prize.

"Bonus Word Crossword offers 48 top prizes of \$35,000," said Texas Lottery Commission Executive Director Gary Grief. "Twenty remain unclaimed. The overall odds of winning any prize in this game are one in 3.44, including break-even prizes. We issued this game in March of this year."

Anderson bought the ticket at the Handi Kwik Food Mart, 805 N. Wells, in Edna.

Tonight's *Mega Millions*[®] jackpot is an estimated \$242 million. Tomorrow's *Lotto Texas*[®] jackpot is an estimated \$11 million, and the *Powerball*[®] jackpot is an estimated \$25 million. More information about the Texas Lottery is on the official website, www.txlottery.org.

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