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## Powerball Jackpot Climbs to \$1.4 Billion; First Early Bird Drawing This Sunday

TOPEKA, KAN. - October typically is associated with ghosts, ghouls, and all things spooky. There's nothing to be scared of for Kansas Lottery players, as there are multiple opportunities to win big all weekend long!

The Powerball jackpot for the Saturday, October 7 drawing is set at an estimated $\$ 1.4$ BILLION, with a cash option of $\$ 643.7$ million! This is the $3^{\text {rd }}$ highest Powerball jackpot and $5^{\text {th }}$ highest US Lottery jackpot of all time!

The Powerball jackpot was last hit in Kansas in November of 2022 for $\$ 92.9$ million. Last Wednesday, September 27 one Powerball ticket sold in South Central Kansas matched all five numbers but not the Powerball to win $\$ 1$ million! That ticket remains unclaimed.

Powerball isn't the only big jackpot up for grabs this weekend. The Friday, October 6 Mega Millions estimated jackpot was RAISED today to $\$ 360$ million, with a cash option of $\$ 156.9$ million! Cutoff for entry into tonight's drawing is $8: 59$ p.m.

Finally, the Holiday Millionaire Raffle is in full-swing, and tickets are selling fast! As of this morning, almost 61,000 had already been sold! With only 150,000 tickets available in the game, that means the Raffle is already closing in on halfway sold out!

The first of three \$30,000 Early Bird drawings is this Sunday, October 8. The winning number will be drawn only from the tickets that have been sold. There will be two subsequent Early Bird drawings, one on November 12 and then again on December 10.

The Holiday Millionaire Raffle grand finale event will be on January 3, 2024, with over 5,600 total winners announced including the $\$ 1$ million grand prize winner! See the Kansas Lottery website for more information on the Holiday Millionaire Raffle.

Players are invited to submit all their winning and non-winning tickets in the Kansas Lottery PlayOn ${ }^{\circledR}$ Players Loyalty program to earn points for drawing entries and a chance to win cash and other prizes! PlayOn ${ }^{\circledR}$ is a registered trademark of Pollard Banknote Limited used under license.

