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\$5 Million Winning Scratchers® Sold in Georgetown

Winning Scratchers Sold at the Gas & Go – Public Schools and Lottery Retailers Win, Too!

SACRAMENTO – In the foothills of the Sierra Nevada, between Auburn and Placerville, you can find Georgetown, a tight-knit community thriving on the foundations of its California Gold Rush history. Its famous Georgia Slide Mine may be closed, but that didn't stop a prospector who stopped into the Gas & Go on the corner of Lower Main Street and Georgetown Road from striking it rich with the purchase of a Scratchers game that hit the top prize.



Alissa Cimino, owner of Georgetown Gas & Go with store manager, Randy.

“Most of our big winners have been, like, \$1,000,” says Alissa Cimino, owner of the Georgetown Gas & Go. “This is the biggest winner ever for our town.”

Alissa has owned the Gas & Go for seven years now and loves being part of the foothill community.

“It’s way more than a gas station,” said Cimino. “It’s literally a community hub.”

During the Mosquito Fire a few years ago, and recent “Snowmageddon” events, Cimino saw the station as a beacon for community gathering, information sharing, and support.

“We all come together in times of need,” she says proudly.

The luck isn't exclusive to whomever bought the game. Alissa's now-lucky store gets a bonus just for selling it. Because the winning game is worth a \$5 million prize, the bonus amounts to \$25,000 for the Georgetown Gas & Go!



“One thing I’m definitely going to do is share the bonus with our employees because I have a really dedicated, loyal staff, and we work really hard to create, like I said, a beacon for our town,” said Cimino.

During the holidays, the Gas & Go also puts up elaborate decorations featuring a collection of giant dinosaurs out in front of the station.

“So, we might get some new clothes for the dinosaurs,” added Alissa.

But Who is the Winner?

The winner of the \$5 million prize still needs to go through the standard claims process for all big winners, which includes being vetted by California Lottery law enforcement officers to verify the legitimacy of the win. After the winner comes forward and the [claims process](#) is complete, which usually takes about 6-8 weeks, the winner will receive their prize.

“While we won’t know who won just yet, we can certainly celebrate right along with Alissa and the Georgetown community,” said Carolyn Becker, California Lottery spokesperson. “We want to send a big thank you to all our players who support California public schools every time they play.”

The rigorous vetting process for any major win underscores the California Lottery’s commitment to maintaining public trust and ensuring that prizes are awarded to rightful winners.

[Since 1985, the California Lottery has fulfilled its mission of providing supplemental funding](#) to public education while paying more than \$90 billion to Lottery winners in every corner of the state. Out of the \$154.4 billion in revenue generated by California Lottery sales over the past 40 years, over 95%, a total of \$147.3 billion, returned to the community through retailer compensation, contributions to education, and prize payouts.

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The mission of the California Lottery is to raise additional funding for public education, helping to supplement school budgets for K-12 as well as colleges and universities. **The California Lottery has raised more than \$46 billion for public schools** through the responsible sale of its games since 1985. Lottery funding for schools is largely discretionary, so administrators and educators can use Lottery money for instructional programs and services they may not otherwise afford. The California Lottery features eight [draw games](#) and dozens of new instant [Scratchers](#) games each year. More than 95% of California Lottery sales revenue goes back to the community in the form of [prize payments](#), [retailer commissions and bonuses](#), and contributions to education. More information about who benefits can be found [here](#). California Lottery is also committed to promoting [responsible gaming](#). Anyone who shows signs of a gambling problem, or knows someone who does, can get free, confidential help by calling the CA Problem Gambling Hotline at 1-800-GAMBLER.



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