

Illinois Lottery

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (AP) — Here are the winning numbers selected Tuesday in the Illinois State Lottery:

Pick Three-Midday
3-6-0

Pick Three-Evening
1-0-1

Pick Four-Midday
5-2-1-0

Pick Four-Evening
5-1-2-3

Little Lotto
4-7-8-25-30

Mega Game
2, 4, 9, 15, and 42

Mega Ball
13

Estimated Lotto Jackpot
\$3.75 million

Mega Millions Jackpot
\$16 million

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Freedom

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Springfield to lobby legislators, particularly supporting a couple pieces of legislation intended to redesign the way the state supports people with disabilities.

"We need to be the squeaky wheels to representative (Frank) Mautino (D-Spring Valley) and senator (Gary) Dahl (R-Granville)," said Mary Hettel of Ottawa, who will be joining the freedom ride to Springfield.

The day went beyond politics, though. "What's more important is for people with disabilities to know their voices matter," said Jennifer Knapp, an event organizer with Campaign for Real Choices.

Similarly, local advocates for the disabled said there are bigger issues than just persuading legislators, which is why the rally was so important. "It's more important for us to communicate to the community what the issues are," said Horizon House director of supports and services Dan Fitzgerald.

The three top issues, according to Fitzgerald, are reducing the state's reliance on institutional care, decreasing the number of disabled people on support waiting lists and increasing the capacity for support within communities in the state.

Organizers at the event noted Illinois currently places more developmentally disabled people in state institutions than nearly every other state in the country and also ranks dead last in providing community integrated supports.

One downside to this is cost. Fitzgerald said the cost of keeping someone in a state-run institution is \$120,000 to \$160,000 per year, whereas an organization such as Horizon House can provide support for \$60,000 per year. That, he said, is for those with the most drastic support needs.

There is also the lack of personal freedoms that comes with living in institutions. Susan Beatty a Horizon House employee told the crowd about her years working at Dixon State School, one of the nation's largest institutions. "Living at Dixon State School was a lot like being a prisoner," Beatty said.

Residents lived in close confines without privacy or control over their personal schedules, explained Beatty.

"I don't think people should be in institutions anymore," said Clayton Hussey of Princeton, who was one of many in the crowd waving protest signs from a wheelchair.

Hussey lived in a state institution for a year before having his family pull him out because he didn't think he was being properly cared for.

Those being placed in institutions can often be moved far from their home communities. Charlotte Cronin of Peoria read a proclamation signed by many local mayors supporting the cause. She also told of how the state wanted to move her son Daniel into a home nearly an hour and a half away in Dwight.

Having experience as an advocate, Cronin was

able to find the necessary care for her son closer to home, but she said not all families are capable of fighting the system as she did.

Another main talking point of the day was the fact that 17,000 disabled residents of the state are on a growing waiting list for support services.

Ottawa mother Christine Chalkey said she has tried working with the state's "broken down" disability system for 14 years in order to find support for her son, Jacob, who was born with a developmental disability.

"I know a better future for Jake can only happen if he can get the services and supports he needs and gets off the waiting list," said Chalkey.

Peru was one of 12 total stops on three Freedom Quest routes in the state to pick up supporters and spread the message.

Ten Illinois Valley representatives joined the caravan, which began in Rock Island and will make stops in Peoria and Bloomington before arriving in Springfield.

"The reason I'm going down to Springfield is, I'm going to try to help our community get more group homes for our area so that new people can come in and be with different people," said Amy Sadnick, who lives in a Horizon House home in La Salle with seven other developmentally disabled women.

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Mega Millions grows

ATLANTA (AP) — There has been a rollover in the prize for the Mega Millions lottery — to \$16 million.

The rollover occurred because no player matched all the winning numbers from Tuesday's \$12 million drawing. Although there was no grand prize winner, five players won a second prize of \$250,000 apiece. One of them purchased a ticket in a convenience store in Bellwood.

Beer

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210 Prairie St., Ottawa, and David J. Przybyla, 36, of 1940 N. 2653rd Road, Ottawa. The collector saw his beer cans, circa 1930s-1940s, for sale on eBay, an Internet auction site. The collector had a family member check his rented storage shed in Peru, found his beer cans missing and contacted police Jan. 29, Bernabei said. Police searched

a home in Ottawa and coordinated efforts with eBay. They recovered all but 40 cans.

"We have already started to receive some of the cans back from people who purchased these cans," he said.

Peru and Ottawa police departments, Livingston County Sheriff's Department and Illinois Department of Corrections conducted the investigation.

Threats

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the county's probation office for formal action.

Superintendent John Harrison said school officials aided Ottawa Police Department in apprehending the individuals suspected of posting the notes.

No classes were disrupted.

"It was a scary thing and something we take very seriously," Harrison said. "We won't give any details because we don't want to interrupt the investigation."

Students variously reported concern and skepticism in online postings recorded after school was dismissed Tuesday at its normal time.



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