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Hundreds will Howl. Five will Shriek. Four Might Faint. *Only Two Weeks Remain to Buy Illinois Lottery Halloween Raffle Tickets*

CHICAGO – October 19, 2009 – Howls and shrieks from Illinois Lottery raffle winners will fill the streets on Halloween. With less than two weeks to the drawing, more than half of the Illinois Lottery Halloween raffle tickets have been sold. The raffle will make four Illinois Lottery players millionaires on Halloween.

Todd Pierce, Batavia, Ill., experienced the frightening fun of the Halloween Raffle in 2008. Pierce purchased two tickets and told his friends the night of the drawing that he was going to win big. The next morning, he discovered he was a winner.

“I was in shock when I saw that my ticket matched the numbers of one of the \$1,000,000 winning tickets,” Pierce said. “I started jumping up and down and hyperventilating. It was unbelievable. I always thought I was going to win something big and I did.”

Pierce will try his luck again. “I’m going to buy 15 of the raffle tickets this year,” he added. “You have to buy a ticket to win and the odds are extremely good in this drawing.” According to the Illinois Lottery, odds to win \$1,000 or more are 1 in 1,000. 500 people will win \$1,000, five people will win \$100,000 and four will win \$1,000,000.

Ghosts on the Loose

Of last year’s 500 \$1,000 winners, 24 still haven’t claimed their prize. If no one claims the ticket before close of business Friday, October 30, the prize amount will be deposited into the Illinois Common School Fund. The retailers that sold the unclaimed winning tickets and the winning numbers include:

Winning Ticket	Retailer	Winning Ticket	Retailer
22035	JJ Peppers Food Store 06 4800 N Sheridan Chicago, IL 60640	187860	7-Eleven #32717 1 S Sutton Rd Streamwood, IL 60107
30224	Drendels Corner 13280 S Rt 47 Huntley, IL 60142	188248	Korner Kwik Mart 901 Glen Flora Waukegan, IL 60085
59204	Clark 2041 E Grand Ave Lindenhurst, IL 60046	189212	Tuxedo Junction 4300 S Union Ave Chicago, IL 60609
64998	Amoco 4710 Archer Chicago, IL 60632	247055	Keefer's Pharmacy SW Prospect Ave Mt Proctect, IL 60056
65370	Marathon 11501 S Harlem St Worth, IL 60482	249222	Huck's #287 204 N 22nd ST Decatur, IL 62523
68690	Grace Fuel Inc 301 N Division St Harvard, IL 60033	302109	Crestwood Deli 5593 W 127th St Crestwood, IL 60445

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70647	Oak Park BP 6119 W North Ave Oak Park, IL 60302	304119	Jewel Food Store 3170 5320 S Pulaski Chicago, IL 60632
96843	Circle K #171 1090 Main St NW Bourbonais, IL 60914	308718	7-Eleven #33746 10441 S Cicero Oak Lawn, IL 60453
100087	Kap's Foods 3557 S California Chicago, IL 60632	337071	7-Eleven #33905 2405 Essington Ste J&K Joliet, IL 60435
102503	Snappy Convenience #5 2477 South Archer Ave Chicago, IL 60616	357081	Schiller Liquors 3904 N 25th Ave Schiller Park, IL 60176
105443	Casey's General Store #2549 810 University Henry, IL 61537	381234	7-Eleven #33878 1024 S McHenry Crystal Lake, IL 60014
151557	Thornton Gas & Food Mart #351 107 Spring Creek Road East Peoria, IL 61611	409373	Logan Certified Foods 2857 W Diversey Chicago, IL 60647

To date, the Lottery has made 20 Illinois Lottery players millionaires from the raffle style game.

Ticket sales began Thursday, October 1, and will be sold in sequential order at all Lottery retailers for \$20 each. A computerized drawing will randomly select the winners on October 31, 2009. Winning raffle numbers will be available on www.illinoislottery.com immediately after the drawing.

About the Illinois Lottery

Founded in 1974, the Illinois Lottery is a state agency with annual sales over \$2 billion. Since its inception, the Lottery has contributed more than \$14 billion to the state Common School Fund to assist K-12 public schools. Players must be at least 18 years old. For more information on the Illinois Lottery please visit our Web site at www.illinoislottery.com.

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