

Lotto

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the previous day."

Ouellette said he has struggled with gambling for years and intends to seek help. His case is continuing.

Since winning, Nickell told Lottery officials that he has hired a lawyer and a financial planner and intends to be "very careful" with the \$61 million lump sum he will receive after taxes.

Nickell is the fifth — and third largest — winner of the Powerball jackpot in Oregon.

The state had its first win in 1992 with the Givens family of Eugene, who took home \$38.4 million. Robin Powell of Beaverton claimed a \$33.9 million prize in 1999.

The West and Chaney families, both of Medford, won \$340 million in 2005.

Milwaukie resident Dan Gannon was the state's last winner before Nickell. He won \$182.7 million in 2006.

The Circle K store that sold Nickell's ticket will receive a \$100,000 selling bonus.

The Powerball game is played in 44 states, plus the District of Columbia, U.S. Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico.

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The Circle K where a \$150 million Powerball ticket was sold to a Salem man in June. Photographed in Salem on July 13.

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Danger

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■ Salem is 3.2 inches below average precipitation levels since May 1

■ May was 4.2 degrees above normal, and 6th warmest on record, in May in Salem

Source: National Weather Service

Wildfires and acres burned in Oregon by July 12

■ 2018: 409 wildfires / 124,841 acres burned

■ 2017: 433 wildfires / 41,535 acres burned

■ 2016: 371 wildfires / 34,554 acres burned

■ 2015: N/A

■ 2014: 838 wildfires / 39,197 acres burned

Source: National Interagency Coordination Center

Drought in Oregon

■ 94.48 percent of Oregon is "abnormally dry"

■ 68.58 percent of Oregon is in moderate drought

■ 18.01 percent of Oregon is in severe drought

Source: U.S. Drought Monitor
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The Boxcar Fire near Maupin consumed 95,000 acres as of June 25.

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Wildfire

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large machinery are working to extinguish the blaze, which is burning in the southeastern corner of Oregon's largest state park.

"It's small, but it has a lot of potential," O'Nion said.

If that kind of fuel were to catch in a significant way, or weather conditions took a turn for the worse with high winds and even lower humidity, it could spell trouble.

That's part of the reason this fire has gotten the amount of attention it has.

"This is the priority for the agency," said Bobbi Doan, spokeswoman for the Oregon Department of Forestry.

While a number of trails and camps were closed, the majority of the park remained open Saturday, though officials warned that there would be abundant firefighter equipment and aircraft. At the historic main lodge, the annual Historic Silver Falls celebration went ahead as planned.

Hundreds of families drove in, filling the grounds with picnics, children playing, vendors, and a four-piece band played country music.

Tom Winterrowd, dressed in suspenders, a bowtie and an English driving cap, wasn't worried about the nearby fire, and didn't hear of anyone who was. Winterrowd was there for the antique car display, proudly displaying his 1929 Model A AA commercial truck along with a dozen other classic vehicles.

"If there was a big concern, I assume they would let us know," Winterrowd said. "It's just a reminder we all have to be careful because it's so dry up here."

The Howard Creek Horse Camp was closed and is being used as a staging area for firefighting operations.

Several backcountry trails and 214 Trailhead were closed, and 142 people were evacuated from a YMCA summer camp Friday as the fire burned a mile away.

None of the waterfall trails are closed. However, officials said those concerned about traveling to the area should call 503-873-8681 if they had questions. Officials said Saturday this line has experienced a deluge of calls.

Smoke was first reported late in the evening on Thursday, July 12, officials said.

Silver Falls State Park is the largest state park in Oregon at 9,200 acres southeast of Silverton.

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