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# DOUBLE PLAY

## Winter Bonuses

Here are the retailers who received High Prize Seller Bonuses for selling major winning tickets from mid-December through mid-January:

**Casey's #2882**, Grand Island, \$100,000 Crossword Explosion, \$1,000  
**Super C #4**, Lincoln, Bonus Crossword, \$1,000  
**Snac Shac**, Grand Island, Hit \$1,000, \$1,000  
**Hy-Vee Food Store #1**, Norfolk, Triple Diamond Payout, \$1,000  
**Casey's #1177**, Columbus, Snow Me The Money, \$1,000  
**Casey's #2987**, Omaha, Holiday Wishes 20X, \$1,000  
**Hy-Vee Food Store #04**, Omaha, Lucky For Life, \$5,099  
**Pump & Pantry #16**, York, MyDaY, \$5,032  
**U-Stop #12**, Lincoln, MyDaY, \$5,000  
**Family Fare 811**, Omaha, MyDaY, \$5,007  
**Casey's #6158**, Omaha, Wolf Run, \$1,000  
**Trotter's Whoa & Go Express VII**, Broken Bow, \$100,000 Crossword Explosion, \$1,000  
**Casey's #2454**, La Vista, Hit \$1,000, \$1,000  
**Gas Island II**, Grand Island, Hit \$1,000, \$1,000  
**Kwik Stop #27**, Cozad, Hit \$1,000, \$1,000  
**Fast Mart**, Lincoln, \$100,000 Crossword Explosion, \$100,000  
**Family Fare 799**, Papillion, Hit \$1,000, \$1,000  
**Express Cigar & Liquor**, Omaha, Pick 5, \$188,020  
**Hy-Vee Food Store #4**, Lincoln, MyDaY, \$5,012  
**Pump & Pantry #52**, Grand Island, Powerball, \$50,050  
**Speedee Mart 2910**, Lincoln, Triple Diamond Payout, \$1,000  
**Kum & Go #352**, Omaha, Wolf Run, \$1,000  
**Casey's #3818**, Omaha, Hit \$1,000, \$20,000

**Speedee Mart 2725**, Omaha, Mega Millions, \$10,250  
**Grand Central Super Valu**, York, Hit \$1,000, \$1,000  
**Super Saver #28**, Grand Island, Hit \$1,000, \$1,000  
**Kat's Carwash & Gas**, Columbus, \$100,000 Crossword Explosion, \$1,000  
**Casey's #2038**, Kearney, Mega Millions, \$10,062  
**Casey's #1812**, Blair, MyDaY, \$5,000  
**Casey's #2454**, La Vista, MyDaY, \$5,000  
**The Red Barn**, Elwood, 30th Anniversary Jackpot, \$1,000  
**Casey's #1575**, Crete, Hit \$1,000, \$1,000  
**Family Fare 800**, Omaha, Pick 5, \$150,018  
**AB's 66 Dundee Place**, Omaha, Quick 7s, \$7,000  
**Casey's #3818**, Omaha, \$200,000 Cash Crossword, \$200,000  
**Casey's #2883**, Grand Island, Lucky Symbols Loteria, \$1,000  
**KB's Food Shops**, Papillion, Triple Diamond Payout, \$200,000  
**Midtown Amoco BP**, Wahoo, Holiday Wishes 10X, \$50,000  
**RC Pit Stop**, Rising City, Triple Diamond Payout, \$1,000  
**Northside Cenex**, North Platte, Wild Cherry Multiplier, \$100,000  
**Casey's #2724**, Lincoln, Holiday Wishes 20X, \$1,000  
**Apple Market**, Kearney, MyDaY, \$5,008  
**Casey's #1575**, Crete, Hit \$1,000, \$1,000  
**Hy-Vee Fast & Fresh #2**, Norfolk, Holiday Wishes 20X, \$1,000  
**Bakers #301**, Omaha, MyDaY, \$5,000  
**Kwik Shop #635**, Lincoln, Nebraska State Parks, \$40,000  
**Shoemaker's South**, Roca, Hit \$1,000, \$1,000

**Please Note:** High Prize Seller Bonuses for Scratch games are credited to retailer accounts when the prize is claimed. High Prize Seller Bonuses for Lotto games are credited to retailer accounts after the drawing for which the ticket was sold.

**New Powerball Double Play feature offers another chance to win up to \$10 million!**

## What's Inside

- Powerball Double Play
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JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2023



This year we celebrate our 30th year in business. In that time, we have reached a number of milestones that have helped us Build a Better Nebraska. With over \$900 million raised for our beneficiaries, we've done a lot in 30 years. Closing out the first month of 2023, we have seen excitement in the form of ever-growing jackpots, new games and promotions.

Powerball has made a change to their game that gives players a chance to play their numbers twice. The key point to make note of is that Double Play will mean that players will be playing for a chance to win in two drawings – the regular Powerball drawing and the Double Play drawing. You will find more details in this issue.

Keep an eye out for our special lotto bundles that will be available in February and March to celebrate Presidents' Day and St. Patrick's Day.

As with anything, things are not as straightforward as we would like and adjustments have to be made. We are launching our Truck\$ & Buck\$ ticket a little later this year due to manufacturing delays. We don't anticipate this will effect the popularity of the game and look forward to handing over the keys to the trucks in warmer weather.

As always, we appreciate all the work our retail partners do for us and hope we can continue to succeed in making our state the best it can be.



Powerball Double Play is here! You can now add Double Play to your Powerball ticket for an extra \$1 per play.

With the launch of Double Play, players now have four options for Powerball. Tickets can be purchased with both Power Play and Double Play, but the Power Play multiplier does not apply to Double Play prizes.

1. Powerball = \$2 per play
2. Powerball with Power Play = \$3 per play
3. Powerball with Double Play = \$3 per play
4. Powerball with Power Play & Double Play = \$4 per play

Old Powerball play slips will no longer work, so encourage players to fill out a new Powerball play slip to purchase their tickets.

Double Play drawings are held between 10:30 and 10:40 p.m. CT on Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday nights. Refer to the game sales sheet for more information.

### 2023 Truck\$ & Buck\$ Delayed



The 2023 Truck\$ & Buck\$ Scratch game has been delayed. The high demand for new vehicles has impacted production, and the eight Ford F-150 trucks purchased for the game are scheduled for assembly but not yet delivered.

We know that our players look forward to the return of Truck\$ & Buck\$ every year, and we're committed to launch the game as soon as the trucks are ready. We will post additional information about Truck\$ & Buck\$ on nelottery.com and the Nebraska Lottery social media channels when it becomes available.



Get ready to celebrate 30 years of funding, fortune, and fun in 2023! We've got a lot of special anniversary games, promotions, and giveaways planned throughout the year. Starting now you'll start to see our 30th anniversary logo on Scratch games and other marketing materials. MVP Club members in each of Nebraska's 93 counties will be randomly drawn to win prizes in June, July, and August. And we'll be giving lottery-selling employees at retailers a special anniversary gift later this year.

More updates about the 30th Anniversary will be posted in future issues of Ticket Talk.

### Coming Soon



### Upcoming Lotto Specials



Players can get a Nebraska Pick 3, Nebraska Pick 5, and MyDaY ticket for \$2 with two upcoming Lotto holiday specials.

The President's Day Special will run between Friday, February 17, and Monday, February 20. A

"Special" button will appear on the Nebraska Lottery terminal that will generate the three quick pick plays at a discounted price of \$2 (a \$3 value).

The same offer will be available for the St. Patrick's Day holiday March 16 – 19.

If the "Special" button does not appear on your terminal during either promotion, sign off then sign back in. If the button still does not show, reboot the terminal.

### New Retailer Coupon

A new tear pad coupon is coming in March to celebrate the launch of Double Play in Nebraska. Players can get one play of Powerball with Power Play with Double Play for three draws for \$8 (a \$4 discount).



### Record Amount Generated for Beneficiaries

# \$15,817,263

A two-billion-dollar Powerball jackpot and the introduction of a new \$30 Scratch product resulted in the largest amount of proceeds transferred to the Nebraska Lottery's beneficiary funds since the Lottery was established in 1993.

A total of \$15,817,263, derived from a share of Scratch and Lotto ticket sales from the previous three months, was distributed the week of December 30 among the beneficiaries. The latest transfer exceeded the previous record of \$15,201,537 transferred in March 2021.

Nebraska Lottery Director Brian Rockey attributes the historic transfer amount to strong sales of Powerball tickets during the quarter and a new \$30 Scratch product. "Customer response took the

Powerball jackpot to new heights this fall, with a record \$2.04 billion jackpot for the November 7 drawing," said Rockey. "Ticket sales for Powerball, in addition to the launch of our first \$30 Scratch game, 30th Anniversary Jackpot, resulted in this unprecedented quarterly transfer to our beneficiary funds. We're proud to work with 1,200 dedicated Nebraska Lottery retailers as we continue our mission of building a better Nebraska at the start of our 30th year."

# Lottery Highlights



When Norman Hall of Omaha found out he'd be going to New York to ring in the new year, he couldn't believe it at first.

"I don't win things like this," he said. "I'm doing good to get a point bowling."

Norman won the Nebraska Lottery's Powerball First Millionaire of the Year Lotto promotion, which sent him and his wife on a VIP trip to New York City for New Year's Eve and a chance to win \$1 million.

The prize package included roundtrip airfare for two, a three night's stay at a Times Square hotel, cash, meals and admittance to an exclusive party on live TV for "Dick Clark's New Year's Rockin' Eve with Ryan Seacrest" on ABC.

Norman and his wife Eloise flew to New York on December 29 and were taken by limo to their hotel.

They started their trip with tickets to see "The Lion King" on Broadway. The Halls had seen the show when a touring production was in Omaha, but they'd always had a hankering to see the real deal.

Their hotel room looked right down on Times Square. On the morning of New Year's Eve, Norman said people started lining up below to watch the ball drop when the clock struck midnight. By the time it got dark, Times Square was a sea of people.

"One of the most astonishing things is that at midnight, when all the confetti is dropping, they have people throwing that by hand," Norman said. "I thought they had a machine to do it, but people were throwing it."

Before midnight, Norman and Eloise attended a party on live TV on the set of "Dick Clark's New Year's Rockin' Eve with Ryan Seacrest". There was great food, live music and the chance to mingle with winners from the 29 different state lotteries who participated.

Five contestants were chosen, including players from Minnesota, North Carolina, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Florida and Maine. Gary Krigbaum of North Carolina ended up winning the \$1 million prize.

He was a little disappointed he hadn't been chosen, but Norman said he wouldn't change a thing.

"Even if I knew I wasn't going to win, I would still go back again," Norman said. "Anybody who gets a chance to go, you have to go."

Now that he's back at home in Omaha, Norman said he's thrilled he got a chance to be in Times Square on New Year's Eve.

It's one thing to see it on TV, he said, it's altogether something else to be there in person.

"It's like going to see a high school football game and then going to see Nebraska play," he said.

"Whoever gets to go next year, they're going to have a good time. Absolutely."

## Loyal Readers Contest Winners

Each month, readers of Ticket Talk have a chance to win prizes through the Loyal Readers Crossword Contest. Here are the winners from the November/December edition of the contest:

**Donna Hall,**  
The Liquor Store, Benkelman

**Nancy Jo Davis,**  
The Station, Hooper

**Jeania McCulloch,**  
Decatur Express, Decatur

**Emelea Shively,**  
Chubb Foods, Omaha

**Marlene Wilson,**  
Discount City #4, Hastings

**Roger West,**  
Petromart, West Point

**Bev Atwater,**  
Casey's, Wymore

**Kim Bean,**  
K & K Hubbard Mini Mart,  
Hubbard

**Tanya Hoffman,**  
Ray's Apple Market, Fairbury

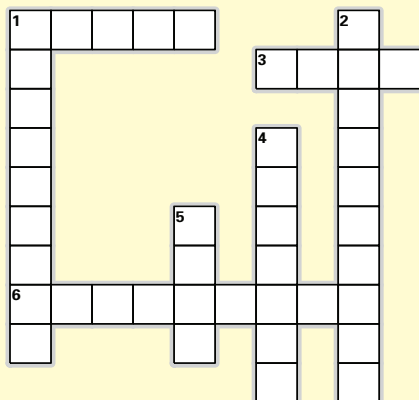
**Kari Kliment,**  
Speedee Mart, Milford

The above winners answered the questions to last month's puzzle correctly.

The prize will be \$10 in Scratch ticket coupons for every employee who sells lottery tickets at the winner's location. LSRs will have premium prizes for those employees under the age of 19.

Ten winners are selected randomly each issue.

## Loyal Readers Contest



### Across

- Cash Blast vouchers produced from a \_\_\_\_-draw 2by2 ticket are eligible to win double prizes in the contest.
- The F-150 model was introduced in 1975 as part of the sixth generation of \_\_\_\_ F-Series trucks.
- Nebraska Lottery proceeds benefit the environment, \_\_\_\_\_, Nebraska State Fair and compulsive gambler's assistance.

### Down

- The first Nebraska Lottery tickets went on sale \_\_\_\_\_ 11, 1993.
- Celebrated on the third Monday of February, \_\_\_\_\_ Day was originally created to honor the first U.S. president George Washington.
- Remember to \_\_\_\_ your Scratch ticket shipments when they arrive.
- A \_\_\_\_ year contains an additional day to keep the calendar year synchronized with the astronomical year.

## Enter To Win

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Retailer: \_\_\_\_\_

The Nebraska Lottery likes to reward retailers who read Ticket Talk.

Each month, we will draw ten entries from among retailer entries received by the designated deadline (March 24). Those entries that correctly answer the crossword puzzle will win.

The prize will be \$10 in Scratch ticket coupons for every employee who sells Lottery tickets at the winner's location. LSRs will have premium prizes for those employees under the age of 19.

Enter your store by completing and mailing this entry coupon today to:

**Nebraska Lottery, P.O. Box 95105, Lincoln, NE 68509.**

**Note:** Entries not drawn previously will no longer be retained. Be sure your store is entered each month.



## Accounting Tips & Tricks

A new year signals a time for new beginnings and starting new routines. Here are some accounting tips and tricks from the Nebraska Lottery to start 2023 off right.

- Remember to confirm your ticket shipments when they arrive and activate packs before selling tickets. See the delivery confirmation slip and the Quick Reference Card for more information. The Lottery suggests keeping one packing slip at store level and sending one to corporate (if applicable).
- To avoid confusion, do not return validated Scratch or Lotto tickets to players unless the ticket has not been paid. If you encounter a problem validating a ticket and have not paid, give both the receipt and the ticket back to the customer and instruct them to claim their prize at a Nebraska Lottery Claim Center. Please write your first name on the receipt so Lottery Accounting can contact the proper person if they have any questions.
- When cashing in a multi-draw Lotto ticket with remaining drawings, an exchange ticket for the remaining draws will be produced. Make sure to give the player the exchange ticket and do not return their original ticket. Look for the words “EXCHANGE TICKET” to indicate which ticket should be given to the player.
- If you have scanned a winning Scratch ticket and don't have enough cash on hand to pay, **please do not press the “Pay” key**. If the “Pay” key was accidentally pressed, please call Lottery Accounting at 800-587-5200. Mark the back of the ticket as “not paid,” along with your name and date. Give both the receipt and the ticket back to the customer and instruct them to claim their prize at a Nebraska Lottery Claim Center.
- Scanning winning tickets of \$25 or below results in automatic validation without pressing the “Pay” key. Higher winning amounts will not validate unless the “Pay” key is pressed. If you paid the winning amount and the ticket is not validated, your store will not get the credit.
- When scanning tickets, wait a second or two for the validation message to come up. If you do not get a response after two seconds, then it is okay to scan again. Immediate re-scanning could result in the system responding with “Previously Cashed By This Retailer”. When this happens, your store has received the credit for the validation and you should pay the player. You can review the last transactions to see how much the ticket was validated for.
- Make sure to always deface winning tickets and keep them with your daily records until all reconciliations are done before discarding them.
- Do not accept photocopies or reproductions of tickets for validation. This does not apply to eCoupons that MVP Club members print at home.
- Lotto tickets can no longer be called in to be tagged for credit. Try to sell any mistake tickets to another player before draw break. If you experience a print failure or paper jam, follow the on-screen instructions, then hold the affected ticket for your LSR.
- If a communication error occurs on your Lotto terminal during a transaction, or the terminal message indicates “Previously Cashed By This Retailer”, you can touch the **Last Transactions** button, then touch **Last Transaction** to check if the transaction was successfully completed and the value of the last validation. The last 50 transactions can also be accessed there. If further assistance is needed, please call the Hotline at 800-560-2919.
- Activated, settled & returned Scratch reports, which are detail of the Weekly Settlement Report Scratch activity, are available by pressing Reports>Inventory Activity–Current Week or Inventory Activity–Previous Week.
- Once a pack is activated, it cannot be deactivated. Payment for that pack will post whichever comes first of the following two scenarios: 45 days after activation or when 70% of the pack has been sold (based on validations).
- Prizes from closed Scratch games or expired Lotto tickets **cannot** be claimed. If a customer tries to redeem a ticket from a closed or expired ticket, remind them that prizes can be redeemed up to 180 days after the closing date (for Scratch tickets) or 180 days after the drawing date (for Lotto tickets). Prizes from these tickets **cannot** be claimed by mailing them to the Nebraska Lottery or by directing players to visit a Lottery Claim Center.
- Tickets can be validated manually by touching **Validation**, then touching **Scratch Validation** or **Lotto Validation**. For Scratch tickets, enter the 14-digit game, pack, and ticket number from the back of the ticket AND the 14-digit VIRN number under the latex on the front of the ticket. For a Lotto ticket, enter the 19-digit ticket number.
- If you are unable to validate a Scratch ticket by scanning the barcode or by manual entry, instruct the player to mail the ticket to the Nebraska Lottery at the prize claim P.O. Box on the back of the ticket to claim their prize.
- When closing a store or discontinuing lottery sales, make sure you ask the LSR picking up the tickets for a list of all activated, settled and returned packs. Your store will be charged for all the settled packs first before receiving credits for the returned packs.