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**Fremont Man Wins
Cool Truck**

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information, *please...*

- You must be 19 or older to purchase and redeem Nebraska Lottery tickets.
- There is no charge to redeem Nebraska Lottery tickets.
- Prizes up to \$500 can be claimed at any Nebraska Lottery retailer—some retailers reserve the right to pay prizes only up to a certain level due to security concerns. Prizes of \$501 to \$19,999 may be claimed by mail or at a regional Lottery Claim Center:

*Grand Island, Tier One Building, 1811 West Second, Suite 460,
308-385-6067*

*Norfolk, 304 North 5th, Suite D,
402-370-3333*

*North Platte, Craft State Office Building, 200 South Silber,
308-535-8250*

*Omaha, Nebraska State Office Building, 1313 Farnam-On-The-Mall,
402-595-2065*

*Scottsbluff, Panhandle State Office Complex, 4500 Avenue "I",
308-632-1200*

- Prizes of \$20,000 and over must be claimed in person at Nebraska Lottery Headquarters in Lincoln: Nebraska State Office Building, 14th & "M" Streets, 402-471-6100.
- To claim prizes by mail, send to: Nebraska Lottery Prize Claim, P.O. Box 95145, Lincoln, NE 68509.
- For drawing results, call: 402-471-6139 or 800-224-LUCK (5825) (NE & WY)
- Visit our website: **www.nelottery.com**

Compulsive Gambling Help Line: 800-522-4700. Please play responsibly.

Nebraska State Fair

P.O. Box 81223, Lincoln, NE 68501, 402-474-5371, www.statefair.org

Nebraska Scholarship Fund

P.O. Box 95005 Lincoln, NE 68509-5005, 402-471-2847

Nebraska Environmental Trust Fund

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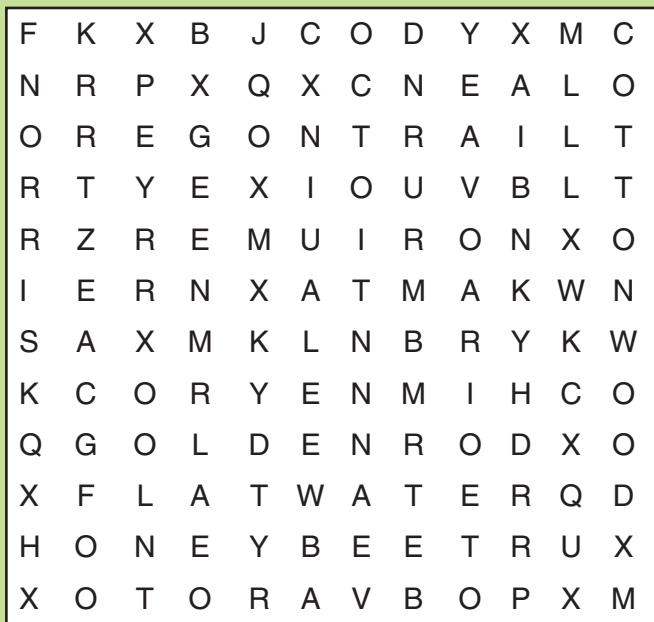
Win Free
Lottery
Tickets!

Nebraska Word Search

Complete the puzzle below by circling words or phrases that appear in this issue of Players Digest. HINT: we are looking for ten (10) words/phrases to find some of which involve two words. The words all have some relationship to Nebraska history.

Then mail* this entire page to Nebraska Lottery Digest Players Paradise, P.O. Box 94878, Lincoln, NE 68509 4878.

At noon on each of the drawing days (March 24, 2006 and April 12, 2006) we will draw 25 entries. For each word/phrase identified, those entries will each receive one (1) coupon for a free \$1 Scratch ticket and one coupon for a \$1 free play of each of the four Lotto games. That's the equivalent of \$5 worth of free tickets for each word/phrase correctly identified—maximum total prize value \$50.



Name (please print) _____

Address _____

City, State, ZIP _____

Telephone _____ Date of Birth _____

E-mail Address _____

Favorite Nebraska Lottery Retailer _____

***ONLY ENTRIES SUBMITTED THROUGH THE MAIL WILL BE ELIGIBLE. ENTRIES ARE NOT OPENED BEFORE DRAWINGS AND SHOULD BE IN SEPARATE ENVELOPES. PLEASE DO NOT SEND ENTRIES WITH ANY OTHER CORRESPONDENCE. YOU ONLY NEED TO SUBMIT ONE ENTRY, AS THOSE NOT DRAWN WILL BE RETAINED FOR THE NEXT DRAWING.**

Winners will receive \$1 Nebraska Lottery Scratch tickets from currently active games, and coupons for free quick picks in Nebraska Lottery Lotto games.

You must be 19 years or older to participate. You can win only once in the contest.

compulsive gamblers assistance

Problem Gambling and the Family

Gambling is a recreational activity enjoyed by the majority of adults in Nebraska. For 95% of Nebraskans, gambling is a social activity that allows them to dream of winning and in the case of the lottery to contribute to educational and environmental projects throughout Nebraska.

There are some, however, with whom gambling is more than recreational and is in fact addictive and destructive. The devastation of the gambler and their family is well documented. What is less known is how families can protect themselves from the devastation of gambling and the gambler.

Here are some tips for family members to help protect the family assets and minimize the devastation of the problem gambler.

1. Run a credit check –

Finding out about the extent of debt is the first step to protecting your assets. The primary source of gamblers money for gambling is credit cards. Check out how many credit cards are on the report and compare with your knowledge. Best of all, credit checks are free.

2. Check out your insurance –

Gamblers use cash advances on life insurance policies and reduce or eliminate medical insurance payments and use the money to gamble.

3. Take a close look at bank accounts and home mortgage payments –

Gamblers will use up savings and college education accounts to

gamble. They will borrow money and refinance loans to get money to spend.

4. Protect your valuables –

Go to the bank and put valuables (jewelry, statues, savings bonds, etc.) in a safety deposit box. Problem gamblers will pawn valuables to obtain money.

5. Check the status of your retirement accounts –

Problem gamblers will cash advance from their retirement accounts - Money you were counting on for your golden years.

6. Are you paying your taxes –

Gambling winnings are taxable and many gamblers owe income taxes. They occasionally don't file or file inaccurate tax returns and the IRS is now asking for the tax and penalties.

Research indicates that over 80% of spouses have no idea the extent of the gambling involvement and the severity of the family debt. Following these tips can help protect the family and identify financial problems.

There are more ways to protect your family from the problem gambler. For more information, call the Nebraska Council on Compulsive Gambling at 1-800-522-4700, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year.

Jerry Bauerkemper, Executive Director

Nebraska Council on Compulsive Gambling

We Can Help: 1-800-522-4700

fremont man wins cool truck

Under the watchful eyes of more than 6,100 Lincoln Saltdogs baseball fans, 25 semi-finalists in the Cool Truck Giveaway second chance contest gathered August 20, 2005 at Haymarket Park in Lincoln.

Before the game between the Saltdogs and the St. Paul Saints, a succession of elimination rounds narrowed the field to six contestants. On-field contests at the end of the 1st, 3rd, 5th and 7th innings decided the winners of \$500, \$1,000, \$1,500, and \$2,000. At the end of the game, a final round between two contestants determined the second place winner of \$5,000 and the Grand Prize winner of a 2005 Toyota Tundra Double Cab 4x4 truck.

At the end of the game, which the Saltdogs won in nine innings, the final two contestants took to the field.

Jim Harris of Fremont and **David Kuszak** of Ashton took turns drawing keys and attempting to start the Grand Prize truck.

Ultimately, Jim Harris of Fremont won the new 2005 Toyota Tundra when his key started the Tundra in the second round of key selections.

David Kuszak of Ashton won \$5,000 as the second place prize.



The four other major prize winners were:

Daniel Lieb of Seward won \$500

when he was eliminated at the end of the 1st inning.

Carol Trevino of Omaha won \$1,000 when she was eliminated at the end of the 3rd inning.

Robert Russell of Beatrice won \$1,500 when he was eliminated at the end of the 5th inning.

Carolyn Michel of Lincoln won \$2,000 when she was eliminated at the end of the 7th inning.

The 25 semi-finalists were selected from among a total of 25,529 Cool Truck Giveaway entries received by the Nebraska Lottery in each of five preliminary drawings: May 11, June 1, June 22, July 15 and August 10.

THE SEMI-FINALISTS INCLUDED:

August 10 Drawing (estimated 7,013 entries)

Gene Truhlicka, Seward

Gladys Feil, Bayard

Jim Harris, Fremont

Robert Russell, Beatrice

Carolyn Michel, Lincoln

July 15 Drawing (estimated 5,481 entries)

Jordan Maly, Wahoo

David Kuszak, Ashton

Juliann Warren, Omaha

Dina Bleich, Dwight

Bonnie Ruzicka, Verdel



June 22 Drawing (estimated 5,326 entries)

John Krause, Petersburg

Lonnie Britt, Cozad

Jonni Stalsberg, Seward

Mark Knaub, Harrisburg

Melva Dettmann, Salem

June 1 Drawing (estimated 4,790 entries)

Gary Polacek, Bruno

Velma Miller, Lincoln

Allen Guenther, West Point

Raymond Mundlin, Arlington

Joan Reinhardt, North Platte

May 11 Drawing (estimated 2,919 entries)

Robert Edwards, Lincoln

Carol Trevino, Omaha

Adric Escamilla, Scottsbluff

Daniel Lieb, Seward

John Gorrell, Norfolk

Entering the second chance contest required mailing \$10 worth of non-winning tickets from eligible \$2 Scratch games such as Truck\$ & Buck\$, on sale between April 17 and August 9.

Each Cool Truck Giveaway contestant also received \$25 in free E-10 Unleaded, courtesy of the Nebraska Ethanol Coalition.

**2006 MARKS THE
TENTH ANNIVERSARY
OF TRUCK\$ & BUCK\$.
WATCH FOR DETAILS ON THE NEW GAME.**

DID YOU KNOW?

Nebraska ethanol production helps to increase the market price of Nebraska corn by 8¢ to 10¢ per bushel. Ethanol production is the third largest user of corn-behind only livestock producers and export markets.

proceeds helping *college students*



Nebraska Lottery proceeds are being used in many ways to help people and projects across the state, supporting efforts focused on areas such as education, the environment, compulsive gamblers assistance, and the Nebraska State Fair.

Among these efforts is the Nebraska Scholarship Fund, which currently receives 22.5 percent of all Nebraska Lottery proceeds, and gives thousands of students a chance to go to college or technical school.

With the help of the Nebraska Lottery, the program was able to award Nebraska State Grants to 13,031 students during the 2003-04 Academic Year. The Fund uses a blend of funding from the United States Department of Education's LEAP/SLEAP program (12 percent), the State of Nebraska General Fund (65.5 percent), and Nebraska Lottery proceeds (22.5 percent).

The 2003-2004 Academic Year grant awards were divided evenly between dependent (traditional) and independent (non-traditional) students, with the average grant being worth \$671.

These grants helped more than 13,000 students at 42 institutions of higher education across the state. These institutions included: all the

state's 14 public 4-year and 2-year institutions, 12 private for profit institutions, and 16 private independent colleges.

Schools select students as potential recipients, and the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education approves the students and distributes funds to the institutions. Grants are made based on financial need, and students are not guaranteed to receive the grant every year they are enrolled.

The maximum grant that could be awarded during the 2003-2004 Academic Year was \$1,032, which was the equivalent of 25 percent of tuition and mandatory fees for a full-time Nebraska resident undergraduate student at the University of Nebraska Lincoln (UNL). For grants made to students for Academic Years 2004-2005 and 2005-2006, the Legislature has set the maximum possible grant at 50 percent of fees and tuition at UNL.

Additional information can be found on the Nebraska Lottery website, www.nelottery.com (under "Beneficiaries"), or the website of the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education, www.ccpe.state.ne.us (under "Student and Consumer Information" and then "Where to Find Financial Aid").

beneficiary transfer

Nearly \$237 Million Raised For Good Causes

In September, the Nebraska Lottery distributed among its beneficiary funds \$5,664,629 derived from a share of Scratch and Lotto ticket sales for the previous three months.

A total of \$236,897,766 has been transferred since the Nebraska Lottery began operation on September 11, 1993.

Proceeds have been distributed quarterly since then, according to direction established by the Legislature.

Amendment 4 passed by Nebraska voters in November of 2004 established the following distribution formula:

Education

*Innovation Fund (22.25 percent),
Nebraska
Scholarship Fund
(22.25 percent),
Nebraska*

*Environmental
Trust Fund (44.5
percent),
Nebraska State
Fair (10 percent)
and the*

*Compulsive Gamblers Assistance
Fund (1 percent, plus the first*

*\$500,000 in fund proceeds each
fiscal year).*

The funds' respective totals to date are: Education Innovation Fund, \$101,489,690; Nebraska Scholarship Fund, \$11,018,577; Nebraska Environmental Trust Fund, \$94,047,273; Nebraska State Fair, \$1,592,251; and Compulsive

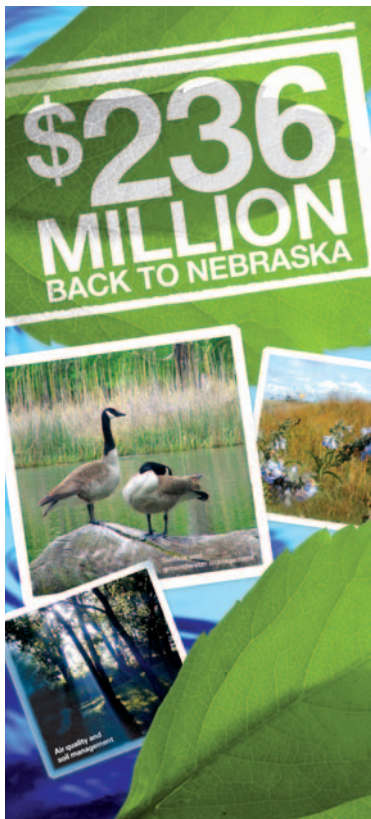
Gamblers

Assistance Fund, \$5,288,979. Prior to July 1, 1997, the Solid Waste Landfill Closure Assistance Fund received proceeds totaling \$18,460,996.

In 2004, the Legislature directed that a one-time transfer of \$5 million be made to the State General Fund.

Criteria for proceeds distribution are established by the beneficiary funds in accordance with legislative mandates. Every county in Nebraska has received service through grants funded with Nebraska Lottery proceeds. By the

end of 2005, the total raised had passed \$242 million.



big red bunch *fan club*

Fan Club Part of Broadcast Partnership

Nebraska sports fans have a new way to show their support. The Big Red Bunch fan club is a special offering this year between the Nebraska Lottery and Pinnacle Sports, which broadcasts University of Nebraska athletics—including football, baseball and basketball.

Big Red Bunch fan club benefits include unique knowledge of Nebraska athletics and the chance to win various prizes. The Big Red Bunch is hosted on the Nebraska Lottery website, www.nelottery.com.

Nebraska Lottery Big Red Rewind

The Big Red Rewind featured a sound bite of a Saturday football play, which aired during Sports Nightly with John Bishop. Each week, during Sports Nightly, listeners were invited to visit nelottery.com to hear the sound bite and to then call in on Friday night during Sports Nightly with the outcome of the replay. The first caller with the correct outcome won a \$50 Nebraska Lottery gift pack.

Nebraska Lottery Best Fan Contest

The Best Fan Contest invited fans to submit photos of themselves as the best dressed Big Red fan for a chance to win Nebraska football and volleyball tickets.

Each week, Pinnacle Sports judged entries and the winner was posted on nelottery.com, and announced during the Husker Game Day broadcast.

The Grand Prize winner was Bill Bazyn of Norfolk.

Complete with red wig, painted face and corncob earrings, Bill sports the look for every game - at home or at the stadium. Bill's family, Nancy and Eric, say he's been a "Big Red Husker fan for more years than we can count."

As the first weekly winner, Bill won two tickets to the Nebraska vs Iowa State game on October 1.

As the contest's Grand Prize winner, Bill received tickets to the UNL football game against Oklahoma on October 29, and four tickets to the UNL volleyball game against Missouri on November 12.



Unique Analysis

Each week, Pinnacle Sports professionals such as play-by-play announcer Jim Rose take an analytical look at Nebraska athletics, and their thoughts are posted on www.nelottery.com.

Pinnacle Sports Network

The Pinnacle Sports Network serves dozens of broadcast stations--providing play-by-play coverage, interviews and analysis of Nebraska athletics.

The following stations of the Pinnacle Sports Network carry broadcasts of Nebraska athletics.

Ainsworth, KBRB-AM, 1400AM

Alliance, KCOW-AM, 1400AM

Aurora, KRGY-FM, 97.3FM

Beatrice, KWBE-AM, 1450AM

*Broken Bow, KCNI-AM, 1280AM;
KBBN-FM, 98.3FM*

Chadron, KCSR-AM, 610AM

*Falls City, KTNC-AM, 1230AM;
KLZA-FM, 101.3FM*

*Fremont, KHUB-AM, 1340AM;
KFMT-FM, 105.5FM*

Grand Island, KRGi-AM, 1430AM

Hastings, KLIQ-FM, 94.5FM

*Holdrege, KUVR-AM, 1380AM;
KMTY-FM, 97.7FM*

*Kearney, KGFw-AM, 1340AM;
KQKY-FM, 105.9FM*

Lexington, KRVN-AM, 880AM

*Lincoln, KLIN-AM, 1400AM;
KFGE-FM, 98.1FM*

McCook, KSWN-FM, 93.9FM

Norfolk, KNEN-FM, 94.7FM

*North Platte, KODY-AM, 1240AM;
KXNP-FM, 103.5FM*

Ogallala, KOGA-AM, 930AM

*Omaha, KFAB-AM, 1110AM;
KHUS-FM, 93.3FM*

*Scottsbluff, KNEB-AM, 960AM;
KNEB-FM, 94.1FM*

Sidney, KSID-AM, 1340AM; KSID-FM, 98.7FM

Valentine, KVSH-AM, 940AM

Wayne, KTCH-AM, 1590AM

*West Point, KTIC-AM, 840AM;
KWPN-FM, 107.9FM*

York, KAWL-AM, 1370AM

*Des Moines, IA, KWQW-FM,
98.3FM*

*Shenandoah, IA, KKBZ-FM,
99.3FM*

Sioux City, IA, KMNS-AM, 620AM

*Rapid City, SD, KTOQ-AM,
1340AM*

*Sioux Falls, SD, KSOO-AM,
1140AM*

Winner, SD, KWYR-AM, 1260AM

*Yankton, SD, KKYA-FM, 93.1FM;
KYNT-AM, 1450AM*

Denver, CO, KNRC-AM, 1150AM

Dallas, TX, KMSR-AM, 990AM

*Kansas City/Independence, MO,
KCTE-AM, 1510AM; WHB-AM,
810AM*

Las Vegas, NV, KSHP-AM, 1400AM

Minneapolis/St. Paul, MN, WMGT-AM, 1220AM

Phoenix, AZ, KDUS-AM, 1060AM

Seattle, WA, KKNW-AM, 1150AM

Wellington/Wichita, KS, KWME-FM, 93.5FM

Rogers, AR, KURM-AM, 790AM

Joplin, MO, KOCR-AM, 1310AM

Sirius Satellite Radio

Broadcasts can also be heard on the Internet at www.huskers.com.

Scholarship Program Among Beneficiaries

Among the educational and environmental efforts supported by the Nebraska Lottery is the Nebraska Scholarship Fund, which currently receives 22.5 percent of all Nebraska Lottery proceeds. With the help of the Nebraska Lottery, the Nebraska Scholarship Act was able to award Nebraska State Grants to 13,031 college students during the 2003-04 Academic Year.

Additional information is available on the Nebraska Lottery website, www.nelottery.com.



Ray Urban of Lexington, who claimed a \$82,000 jackpot in September of 2004, appears with his wife, Sandy, inside their home.



Deborah and Mike Liggott of Lincoln, who claimed a \$78,000 jackpot in May of 2005, appear outside their home.

There have been more than 300 Nebraska Pick 5 jackpot winners since 1995. Jackpot winners featured in the ad were selected from among those who had expressed an interest in possibly appearing in Nebraska Lottery advertising.

Bellevue Woman Wins

During a promotion known as the Nebraska Pick 5 Doubler, the special promotion doubled each Nebraska Pick 5 jackpot won during October.

The Nebraska Pick 5 Doubler promotion applied only to the jackpot, which is won by matching all five winning numbers. In the event of multiple jackpot winners in a given drawing, equal shares of the doubled jackpot were awarded.

That's exactly what happened on October 11, when a ticket matching all five winning Nebraska Pick 5 numbers was sold at Bakers #318, at 801 Galvin Road in Bellevue.

The October 11 Nebraska Pick 5 jackpot was \$122,000. The winner, Catherine Heenan of Bellevue, will receive \$244,000 as a result of the Nebraska Pick 5 Doubler promotion.

Heenan bought three quick pick plays on a single ticket for that night's drawing.

The third play on the ticket matched the winning numbers, 13, 16, 18, 20, 32, to win the first jackpot during the Doubler promotion.

The odds of matching all five numbers (drawn from a field numbered 1 through 38) are 1 in 501,942.

The Nebraska Pick 5 jackpot begins at \$50,000 and grows by \$4,000 each time it is not won. With six drawings a week, the jackpot can grow by as much as \$24,000 each week.

Previous promotions were conducted in November of 2004 and November of 2003.

DID YOU KNOW?

Ethanol production today reduces the demand for imported oil by more than 90,000 barrels per day. As consumption of E-10 Unleaded with Ethanol increases, the nation's dependence on foreign oil decreases. The market potential for E-10 Unleaded with Ethanol is roughly three times what it is today. More than 23 (23.8) gallons of domestically-produced ethanol can displace a barrel of imported oil.

jackpot winners

featured in ad campaign

Seven Nebraska Pick 5 jackpot winners from across the state were featured in a television campaign highlighting the October promotion, Nebraska Pick 5 Doubler.

Under the direction of the Nebraska Lottery's advertising agency, Ayres Kahler of Lincoln, a film crew visited each winner's hometown in early September. The winners appear in various indoor and outdoor settings expressing their reactions to having won the Nebraska Pick 5 jackpot.



Tim Kallenbach of Bellwood, who claimed a \$122,000 jackpot in October of 2004, appears outside his home and with a car he purchased with his prize.

The featured winners are:



Mary Ann Brown of Ashland, who claimed a \$106,000 jackpot in September of 2003, appears inside her home.



Keith Hatfield of Clatonia, who claimed a \$174,000 jackpot in July of 2003, appears on the banks of a lake near his home.



David Kuszak of Ashton, who claimed a \$58,000 jackpot in January of 2004, appears standing in a cornfield. A farmer, Kuszak used his prize to purchase a center pivot irrigation system.



Cheri Shriner of Columbus, who claimed a \$222,000 jackpot in August of 2004, appears outside her home.

fuel web polls

During 2005, polls on nelottery.com asked site visitors about their spending habits when it comes to buying gas for their vehicles.

Between March 30 and April 3, 503 respondents answered the question: "How much do you spend on fuel for your vehicle each month?"

The results indicate just how mobile a society this is.

Just 2.39 percent said they spend less than \$25 a month. Nearly 12 percent spend \$25 to \$50 per

month. Twenty-three percent said they spend \$50 to \$75 per month. Almost 21 percent reported spending \$75 to \$100 per month, and the largest share of all (almost 41 percent) said they spend over \$100 per month on gas.

That poll was followed by a question about the importance of price. Between April 3 and April 9, 391 respondents answered the question: "Do you shop for the lowest gas price, or buy gas at the same place regardless of price?"

The majority (55 percent) said, "I shop around", while those who said, "I always buy gas at the same place", accounted for 45 percent of the respondents.

After the spike in fuel prices attributed to Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita, a poll conducted October 19-23, asked "Has the price of gas prompted you to buy less-expensive E-10 Unleaded?"

Among the 733 respondents, 12 percent said, "Yes, I almost never bought E-10 before." The majority of respondents, 52 percent, said "I always buy E-10 Unleaded." Another 3 percent reported buying E-85 ethanol blended fuel.

Of the remaining respondents, 22.5 percent said, "No, I don't use E-10."; 8.5 percent said, "I just buy whatever fuel I need."; and 2.5 percent said, "I buy diesel fuel."

Polls on nelottery.com cover a variety of topics, from current events to consumer preferences. The topics change every few days, and your input would be appreciated the next time you visit nelottery.com.



2005 design 'em contest

Seward Woman's Game Design A Reality

A \$1 Scratch game designed by a Seward woman has been featured by the Nebraska Lottery.

Hunting For Bucks, designed by Nicole Thomas, was one of six designs selected in March as winners of the 2005 Design 'Em Contest. The contest drew more than 200 entries and winners were determined by more than 1,000 votes cast through by MVP Club members through the Nebraska Lottery website, www.nelottery.com.



After a sneak preview at the Nebraska State Fair, Hunting For Bucks began shipping to Nebraska Lottery retailers on August 29.

Hunting For Bucks offers players seven chances to win on each ticket, by scratching each of seven deer crossing signs. If an antlers symbol appears under the sign, the corresponding cash prize is won. In addition to two top prizes of \$3,000, Hunting For Bucks offers more than 192,000 other prizes. The odds of winning one of the game's top prizes are 1 in 360,000, and the overall odds of winning a prize are 1 in 3.74.

As part of the game's introduction, Hunting For Bucks was the featured game in the September MVP Club contest on the Nebraska Lottery website.

Entering the Hunting For Bucks Contest required the submission of the serial number from a non-winning Hunting For Bucks \$1 Scratch ticket between September 1 and September 30.

A drawing was held on October 3 from among the 5,433 entries received, to select three Grand Prize winners and twenty 2nd Prize winners.

Grand Prize:

Each winner received one \$400 gift card to Cabela's, World's Foremost Outfitters.

*Terry Bierle, Lexington
Linda McCauley, Columbus
Gary Dudek, Valparaiso*

2nd Prize:

Each winner received a red Cabela's Swoosh Logo cap.

Lucy Lutjelusche, Columbus

*Robert Rein, Scottsbluff
Michelle Mattern, North Platte
Melva Dettmann, Salem
Barbara Boruch, Columbus
Jeff Mundorf, Ravenna
Dave Westerhaus, Pilger
Morgan Kirby, Grand Island
Lisa Davis, Lincoln
Francisco Velasquez, Omaha
Denise Fenster, Shelton
Gary Oeltjen, North Platte
Don Van Arsdall, Lincoln
Neil Stuhmer, Alma
Curtis Fry, Hastings
Bonnie Powell, Cozad
Ted Harshbarger, Humboldt
Paul Wathen, Hastings
Iva Haupt, North Platte
Lee Tinkler, Tecumseh*

nebraska state fair

Voters See Investment Return

A year ago, much of the debate leading up to the November election was what the impact of Amendment 4 would be on the Nebraska State Fair.

When Nebraska voters passed Amendment 4, the following distribution formula was established for Nebraska Lottery proceeds: Nebraska Environmental Trust Fund (44.5 percent), Education as determined by the Legislature (44.5 percent) (currently equal shares to the Education Innovation Fund and the Nebraska Scholarship Fund), Nebraska State Fair (10 percent), and the Compulsive Gamblers Assistance Fund (1 percent, plus the first \$500,000 in fund proceeds each fiscal year).

The State Fair has been receiving a share of proceeds for several months, and State Fair officials have stated their intention to use those funds to make improvements in the facilities and operations of State Fair Park, which hosts many activities all year long. Early evidence of those improvements could be seen during the 2005 Nebraska State Fair.

In addition



to upgrades to restroom facilities on the fairgrounds, improvements were made to sidewalks, lighting and open-air seating in the area of the family oriented activities of the State Fair. The photos here show some of those improvements and part of the efforts of organizers to let patrons know about the investment.

Of course, the other beneficiaries of Nebraska Lottery proceeds continue to receive funds, and continue to do their respective good works. Funds are transferred quarterly, and the September transfer puts the total raised by the Nebraska Lottery since 1993 at more than \$235 million.

As has been stated many times before, the Nebraska Lottery does not take positions on matters of public policy (such as the passage of Amendment 4). Our role is to provide quality entertainment options for Nebraskans and to produce revenue for the beneficiary funds.

We can say that we are proud of the work we do, and we value the efforts of all Nebraska Lottery retailers as we continue to work together - Helping To Build A Better Nebraska.



PLAYER\$ *Paradise*

Coworkers Nearly Win \$300 Million

A group of Creighton University Medical Center employees pooled their resources in an effort to take advantage of the growing Powerball jackpot. And, as a result, will split a \$200,000 Powerball prize.

The group bought their tickets for the Saturday, October 15 drawing, at Quik Trip #587, 4404 North 72nd, Omaha.

Checking their tickets against the drawing results on the Nebraska Lottery website, group member Harry Lahs stared in "disbelief". Not only had they won a major prize, but they narrowly missed the jackpot.

The five white ball numbers drawn were 1, 7, 8, 34, 45 and the Powerball was 15. The Power Play multiplier was 3x. The final play on their five-play ticket matched the white ball numbers, but had 17 as the Powerball. Had that matched too, the group would have won the \$300 million jackpot.

Lahs was designated by his 19 coworkers to travel to Lincoln to claim their prize.

After taxes, the group split \$140,000, or \$7,000 each.

Lahs said that, after checking the results, he contacted the rest of the group. He told Nebraska Lottery officials that they plan to meet to carve out each person's share, and that for his part he planned to pay bills.

The odds of matching the five white ball numbers to win \$200,000 are 1 in 3,563,608. The odds of matching all six numbers to win the jackpot are 1 in 146 million.



DID YOU KNOW?

In a poll on nelottery.com conducted August 10-17, a total of 668 respondents gave the following answers to the question,

"What sort of vehicle(s) do you drive?"

Two-door coupe	50 / 7.49%
Four-door sedan	163 / 24.40%
Mini-van	48 / 7.19%
Full-size	8 / 1.20%
Pickup (2 doors)	64 / 9.58%
Pickup (4 doors)	58 / 8.68%
SUV	141 / 21.11%
Station wagon	8 / 1.20%
Multiple vehicles	128 / 19.16%

record jackpot

WOW, or How Do You Spell Record Jackpot?



As the whole nation (and people around the world) watched, the Powerball jackpot set a new record on October 19.

Between August 10 (the last time the Powerball jackpot was won) and October 19, a total of \$9,772,717 in Powerball tickets was sold in Nebraska. That was more than triple the total sales of \$3,122,804 during the previous run between June 29 and August 10. On Wednesday, October 19, Nebraska Lottery retailers statewide sold more than \$1.1 million worth of Powerball tickets. A review of records indicates that is the single largest day of Powerball sales in Nebraska since Powerball first went on sale here in July of 1994. Total Powerball sales for the week prior to the drawing were \$2,079,348, which was about three to four times that of a "normal" week when the jackpot is between \$15 million and \$60 million.

Nebraska Lottery retailers realized almost a half-million dollars in commission from Powerball sales alone during the jackpot run.

There were more than 56,000 Powerball winners in Nebraska in the October 19 drawing, including three \$10,000 winners. During the two drawings the previous week, there were four \$200,000 winners and four \$10,000 winners.

As the jackpot reached the new record, a feature added to Powerball in 2002, the Match 5 BONUS Prize went into effect for the first time. The portion of sales normally added

to the jackpot amount above the record amount is moved to the BONUS Prize pool. When the new record jackpot is won, any player who correctly matches the five white ball numbers wins an equal share of the BONUS Prize pool in addition to the usual prizes for that level. The usual Match 5 prize is \$200,000 and can be increased up to \$1 million with the purchase of the Power Play option. Two polls on the Nebraska Lottery website sampled visitors' thoughts during the Powerball excitement.

Between October 8 and 17, a total of 1,795 respondents answered the question, "Has the size of the Powerball jackpot prompted you to change your buying habits?" A whopping 44.85 percent said, "Yes, I've bought a ticket when I usually don't play Powerball." Another 23.84 percent said "Yes, I've added plays to my usual Powerball purchase."

Between October 17 and 19, 1,338 respondents answered the question, "If you were to win the \$340 million Powerball jackpot, which would you choose?" The lump sum cash payment was the choice of 72.72 percent, while the balance said they'd take the annuity. No doubt, this was a topic of conversation among more than a few customers across the state.

Finally, Powerball sales during the run up to October 19 generated more than \$2.1 million for Nebraska Lottery beneficiary funds.

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Beneficiary Update: CLEAR Lakes

In most communities, there is one place that is a gathering spot, a place that brings the community together. It might be a park or a historic building. Or, that place might be a local lake, where children fish and parents bring picnic lunches on lazy afternoons. Unfortunately, community lakes pose many challenges for upkeep as they age, a problem many smaller towns & villages are hard-pressed to deal with.

Enter the CLEAR Team (Community Lakes Enhancement and Restoration). Combining the talents of the Department of Environmental Quality, Nebraska Game & Parks Commission and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, the CLEAR Team reaches out to towns across Nebraska to restore these community treasures. Working with community lakes less than 20 acres in size, the CLEAR team provides one stop for technical and financial assistance to towns wishing to restore their lakes.

Funding from the Nebraska Environmental Trust is matched by federal, state and local funds for the restoration work. A total of \$2.3 million in Trust grants has been provided to CLEAR since 2001. "Lakes are the heart of many Nebraska communities," said Mary A. Harding, Executive Director of the Nebraska Environmental Trust. "By combining the resources of local, state and federal programs, the CLEAR team provides much-needed assistance to towns & villages with degraded lakes. The Trust is proud to be a part of their efforts."



The CLEAR team has restored over 15 lakes to date. Restoration focuses on the reduction of sediment and nutrients using environmentally-sound & cost-effective measures such as sediment removal, shoreline stabilization and aeration systems. These restoration methods help to reduce the amounts of nutrients such as phosphorus, nitrates & chlorophyll that indicate an unhealthy aquatic habitat. "Many of Nebraska's community lakes are degraded," said Paul Brakhage of the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality. "Frequent algae blooms, sloughing banks, and periodic fish kills plague the lakes, making them aesthetically unpleasant and a problem, rather than a resource, for the community."

A study of completed CLEAR projects revealed significant water quality improvements: on average, there was a reduction of 62% in phosphorus levels, a reduction of 65% in nitrogen levels and improvement in water clarity of 515%. With these water quality improvements, lakes restored by the CLEAR team provide better habitat for fish and other aquatic life. But the longevity of the lake is in the hands of the community, using sound management practices and water quality monitoring. Using these methods, residents of the town enjoy a clean, healthy lake with opportunities for fishing and other recreation for years to come.

Check Tickets Carefully

What looked like a lost ticket for a \$100,000 Powerball prize eventually turned into a happy ending. After buying a multi-draw Powerball ticket on July 12 at Kicks 66 on Abbott Drive in Omaha, Wosanyelesh Hailu of Omaha had the ticket checked at a different retailer several days later.

After being told that they had a winning ticket for the July 20 drawing, and receiving the claim receipt that is generated when a winning ticket is validated through a Nebraska Lottery retailer's terminal, Wosanyelesh and her husband traveled to Nebraska Lottery headquarters in Lincoln.

The couple also bought another ticket at that time, and when they arrived at Nebraska Lottery headquarters, they had only the claim receipt from the first ticket.

Nebraska Lottery tickets can only be cashed when the actual ticket is presented, and the couple feared they had lost the ticket in the process of traveling to Lincoln.

As time passed, the 180-day redemption deadline approached. Making one last check for the ticket, the Hailus found that they had apparently placed it in a folder with other tickets and assumed it was a non-winner. Luckily, before throwing the tickets away, they had them all checked again and found the missing \$100,000 winning ticket.

As they finally claimed the prize on September 14, the couple told Nebraska Lottery officials that their plans for the money included investments and possibly buying a house.

The odds of matching all five white ball numbers to win the \$100,000 prize were 1 in 2,939,677 after changes made to Powerball in late August, they are now 1 in 3,563,608 and the prize is now \$200,000.



\$100,000 Winner No Joke



The only \$100,000 Powerball winner nationwide in the August 13 drawing was in Nebraska, and surprised family members as much as the winner himself.

Ken Peck, a retired Vickers Plant worker from Omaha claimed his prize on August 16.

Peck did not know that he had a winning ticket until late that morning when he used a Check-A-Ticket device to check his three tickets at Hy-Vee at Oak View Mall in Southwest Omaha. The first two were non-winners but the third had a smiley face pop up on the display with instructions to check with the clerk. It was then that he learned that he had won \$100,000.

Peck had purchased his tickets at the Hy-Vee located at 3405 Oakview Drive.

On the road to Lincoln, Peck, and his wife, Mary, called their daughter who lives in Lincoln. To their invitation to lunch, the Peck's daughter replied, "Sure dad, what did you do, win the lottery?"

When Peck said "Yes!", his daughter was silent for a moment or two and then asked to speak to her mom. It took Mary's confirmation and explanation that they were on their way to Nebraska Lottery headquarters to convince her.

Looking past lunch, the Pecks told Nebraska Lottery officials that the prize would go into the bank until they could decide what to do with it.

The odds of winning \$100,000 playing Powerball are 1 in 2,939,677.



North Platte Man Wins, Again



North Platte found itself home to a very surprised truck driver after the 2by2 drawing held on June 25. Jimmie Brannan had correctly matched all four numbers to win the top prize of \$20,000.

Brannan bought four tickets, as his usual custom, at Time Saver #7, 3220 South Jeffers in North Platte. He learned that he had won by checking his tickets against the results on the Nebraska Lottery website, nelottery.com.

The winning 2by2 numbers for June 25 were, Red 9, 13 and White 1, 14. As Brannan claimed his prize at Nebraska Lottery headquarters in Lincoln, he noted that this isn't his first big win. About eight years ago, he won a Nebraska Pick 5 jackpot of \$30,000.

As he claimed his prize on June 28, Brannan told Nebraska Lottery officials that he plans to pay some bills and build a new garage with his latest prize.

The odds of winning the 2by2 jackpot are 1 in 105,625 and the odds of winning a prize are 1 in 3.59.



Larry Lehman, Norfolk
 Todd Schaecher, Monroe
 Denise Riley, Omaha
 Clyde Sexton, Scottsbluff
 Eugenea Sides, Omaha
 Rod Steele, Omaha
Nebraska Pick 3^o - \$2,400
 Abdel Bazzi, Torrington, WY
Nebraska Pick 3^o - \$550
 Rod Steele, Omaha
\$250,000 Payday
 Deborah Lehn, North Platte
Powerball[®] - \$500
 Dean Dorszynki, St. Paul
Powerball[®] - \$5,000
 Marlin Wells, Central City
 Christopher Waller, Torrington, WY
 Arthur Pendergast, Norfolk
 Ervin Huls, Holmesville
Powerball[®] - \$100,000
 Kenneth Peck, Omaha
Sizzlin 7's - \$77,777
 Kathleen Butler, LaVista
2by2^o - \$20,000
 Judy McConnell, Omaha
 Donna Romero, Lincoln
Nebraska Pick 3^o - \$350
 James Walker, Omaha
Nebraska Pick 5^o - \$450
 Melvin Bender, Clarks
 Tom Walter, Omaha
 Bob Pokorny, Ord
Nebraska Pick 3^o - \$601
 Beverly Houck, Omaha
Nebraska Pick 3^o - \$700
 Sherri Cargile, Mitchell
Nebraska Pick 3^o - \$909
 Marvin Hansen, Fremont
Nebraska Pick 3^o - \$950
 Dorothy Spence, Polk
Nebraska Pick 3^o - \$1,150
 Isaiah Jackson, Omaha
 Kristin Berke, Omaha
Twice As Lucky - \$1,000
 Lisa Werthmann, Bellevue
Mega Crossword - \$50,000
 Dennis Young, North Platte
\$35,000 Bingo - \$1,000
 Jason Rossow, Lincoln
 Delores Arnone, Columbus
Bonus Crossword - \$1,000
 Rosario Reyes, Lincoln
Quick 7's - \$7,000
 Barbara Azuse, Columbus
Mega Crossword - \$1,000
 Gary Hanshaw, LaPlatte

July - 2005

Nebraska Pick 3TM - \$600
 Dean Jones, Laurel
 Todd Heller, Wisner
 Sharon Field, Fremont
 Francine Bufkin, Kearns, UT
 Randy Marquette, Lincoln
 Douglas Matlock, Mitchell
 Connie Kleffner, Spalding
 Nakia Stone, Bellevue
 Marilyn Jourdan, Fullerton
 Todd Manes, Beatrice

Bruce Wright, Lincoln
 Tina Vosler, Lincoln
 Richard Oliva, Fremont
 Antonio Acosta, Omaha
 Douglas Thatcher, Lincoln
 Malcolm Foley, Omaha
 Francis Caruso, Omaha
 Barb Cornwell, LaVista
 Sarah Lacy, Nebraska City
 Kevin Bennett, Kearney
 William Bogatz Jr., Papillion
 Joe Shediak, Omaha
 Gary Kilgore, North Platte
 Herbert Schultz, Columbus
 Carter Herold, Nebraska City
 Les Starlin, Omaha
 Tonia Rupp, Kimball
 Robert Moore, Ogallala
 Brenda Wynne, Scottsbluff
Powerball[®] - \$580
 Sarah Patocka, Columbus
Nebraska Pick 5^o - \$450
 Candy Beceria, Council Bluffs, IA
 Clarence Rosencutter, Lincoln
Powerball[®] - \$200
 Steven Ruchti, Omaha
7's Are Hot - \$2,777
 Kenneth Kass, Omaha
Super Hot 7's - \$777
 Nancy Kalvoda, Tobias
Nebraska Pick 3TM - \$550
 Mary Harrison, Plattsmouth
2by2^o - \$20,000
 Valerie Walton, Lincoln
Sports Car Cash - Corvette
 Jack Dover, Springfield
Bonus Crossword - \$1,000
 Paulette Bard, Lincoln
Nebraska Pick 5^o - \$106,000
 Diana Tinnell, Papillion
\$35,000 Bingo - \$35,000
 Bonnie Culver, Lincoln
\$35,000 Bingo - \$1,000
 Marty Samson, Ft. Laramie, WY
Nebraska Pick 3^o - \$800
 Judy Durand, Omaha
 John Blakenship, Bellevue
Nebraska Pick 5^o - \$900
 Dorothy Thiem, North Platte
Nebraska Pick 3^o - \$2,250
 Richard Harris, Omaha
Powerball[®] - \$5,000
 Joseph Siedlik, Omaha
Trucks & Bucks - Truck
 Jeremy George, Bellevue

June - 2005

Nebraska Pick 3TM - \$700
 William Nicholson, Hastings
 Melodie Stanford, Council Bluffs, IA
 Martha Galvin, Omaha
Nebraska Pick 3TM - \$600
 Lindsey Tarsha, Lincoln
 Ileana Burns, Lincoln
 Leon Igo Jr., Lincoln
 Isaac Quarells, Lincoln
 Robert Swift, Omaha
 Stella Morfield, Omaha

Marolyn Roza, Omaha
 Ralph Ganzel, Nebraska City
 Michael Berry, Papillion
 Blain Thompson, Johnson Lake
 Jeffrey Gartner, Lincoln
 Richard Moses, Imperial
 Shelby Foster, North Platte
 Carmen Clifton, Tecumseh
 Dale Harding, Omaha
 Kelsi Bednar, Beatrice
 Ron Schmidt, Lincoln
 James Boyer, Fairbury
 Michael Thomas, Omaha
 William Stiles, Omaha
 Ronald Maul, Hastings
 Henry Alan, Hastings
 Kathryn Taylor, North Platte
 Amos Reed, Omaha
 Vicky Hummel, Omaha
 Paul Klimantas, Omaha
 Mona Reed, Lincoln
 Beverly McCord, Omaha
 Joseph Novotny, Omaha
 Marvin Cribbs, Omaha
 Diane Franklin, Omaha
 Deseray Hatfield, Bellevue
 Michael Frankie, Morrill
 David Harms, Lincoln
 John Crow, Jr., Omaha
Nebraska Pick 3TM - \$1,050
 Joseph Cannon, Omaha
 Kenneth Robinson, Omaha
Nebraska Pick 3TM - \$950
 Abdel Bazzi, Torrington, WY
Nebraska Pick 3TM - \$800
 Marilyn Frey, Beatrice
 John Blankenship, Bellevue
\$35,000 Bingo - \$1,000
 Dorothy Barnard, Omaha
Trucks & Bucks - Truck
 Elizabeth Miller, Lincoln
Nebraska Pick 5^o - \$450
 Jay Nelson, Omaha
 William Roach, Gothenburg
Powerball - \$100,000
 Larry Schuetz, Falls City
 Linda Meador, Elk Ridge, UT
2by2^o - \$20,000
 Cyndie Pepper, Omaha
 Jimmie Brannan, North Platte
Nebraska Pick 5^o - \$154,000
 Michael Tagart, Grand Island
The Name Game Crossword - \$35,000
 Millard Smith, Frederick, CO
Super Hot 7's - \$777
 Sandra Kerns, North Platte
Bonus Crossword - \$35,000
 Vicki Petersen, Omaha
Powerball[®] - \$5,000
 Ranae Othmer, Nehawka
 Arthur Paquin, Lexington
 Melanie Sutton, North Platte
 Duane Schippert, Omaha
 Billy Martin, Lincoln
 Robert Kummer, Omaha
Powerball[®] - \$25,000
 Sandra Meyer, Giltner
 Rick Fogleman, Norfolk

more winners

winners from
june 2005 to october 2005
claimed at nebraska lottery claim centers

October – 2005

Nebraska Pick 3® - \$600

Johnny Reed, Omaha
Stanley Boyer, Mullen
Bernadette Niles, Lincoln
William Edwards, Elkhorn
Irene Hunter, Omaha
Christian Deitering, Omaha
Roger Flohrs, Hastings
David Fabian, Omaha
Gloria Campos, Cozad
Ronald Matson, Papillion
Monica Shockey, Torrington, WY
Sonia Wade, Omaha
Mentha Grabouski, Lincoln
Hortensia Salgado, Omaha
Marvin Strizek, Valparaiso
Barbara Elliott, McCook
Tammy Lake, North Platte
Kimberly Patocka, Columbus
Bob Butterfield, North Platte
David Coe, Blair
Connie Coe, Hooper
Ken McNealy, Omaha
James Kudlacz, Omaha
Kiley Marlatt, Hastings
Donald Harvey, Lincoln

Bonus Crossword - \$1,000

Trent Brown, Grand Island
Jason Koehler, Norfolk

Powerball® - \$515

Tom Hollingsworth, LaVista

Powerball® - \$575

Scott Harmon, Trumbull

Powerball® - \$10,000

Michael Folds, Omaha
Randy Davis, Omaha
Terrence Haach, Bennington
Steven Pfeifer, Elkhorn
James Modrell, Wayne
Randy Davis, Omaha
Gary Workman II, Omaha
Betty Hevelone, North Platte
Bryan Rast, Omaha
Sandra Osborn, Fremont
Kathleen Wortman, Grand Island
Dana Ems, Lincoln
Judy Skorniak, Loup City
Powerball® - \$200,000
Patricia Hertel, Elkhorn
Harry Lahs, Omaha
Dianna Highland, Omaha

\$50,000 Casino

Mark Warford, Grand Island
The Price Is Right - \$1,000
Tanisha Rhyne, Council Bluffs, IA
Super 7's - \$777
Robert Kemps, Hastings
\$35,000 Bingo - \$35,000
Harvey Green, Gering
Sharon Polanco, North Platte
Allison Baker, Lincoln

Twice As Lucky - \$1,000

Bill Coufal, Shelton
Fire 'N Ice - \$10,000
Nesha Danielson, Minden
Nebraska Pick 3® - \$350
Chris Duncan, Lincoln
Nebraska Pick 5® - \$450
John Pass, Omaha
Nebraska Pick 3® - \$602
Alvin Motley, Omaha
Nebraska Pick 5® - \$927
John Webster, Wood River
Nebraska Pick 5® - \$244,000
Catherine Heenan, Bellevue
Quick 7's - \$7,000
Ramulic Vahid, Lincoln
Second Chance Web Promo - \$1,000
Barbara Lohmann, Omaha
Second Chance Web Promo - 300 Scratch tickets
Sheri Durand, Bellwood
2by2® - \$20,000
June Giles, Omaha
Charlotte Casey, Ogallala
Twice As Lucky - \$35,000
Beverly Jacobson, Bellevue
The Price Is Right - \$50,000
Douglas Johnson, Lincoln

September – 2005

Nebraska Pick 3® - \$600

Beverly Shannon, Omaha
Dennis Whitehead, Lincoln
Wendy Mekoski, St. Paul
Abpel Bazzi, Torrington, WY
Frank Schuman, Omaha
Amos Reed, Jr., Omaha
Alan Schwartz, Omaha
Charles Ray, Giltner
Ron Schmidt, Lincoln
Larry Lehman, Norfolk
Edmund Wright, Omaha
Richard Walton, Norfolk
Elizabeth Vaughn, LaVista
Jose Castillo, Omaha

Nebraska Pick 3® - \$550

Imogene Shupe, Omaha

Nebraska Pick 3® - \$701

Stan Kubec, Elkhorn

Paul Cardenas, Omaha

Nebraska Pick 3® - \$950

Edmund Wright, Omaha

Nebraska Pick 3® - \$1,152

Sharon Sehi, Oakdale

\$250,000 Payday - \$1,000

David Haswell, Louisville

7's Are Hot - \$2,777

Pam Jacobsen, Norfolk

Trucks & Bucks - Truck

Jerry McPhillips, Elkhorn

Quick 7's - \$7,000

Ondraye Williams, Hastings
Hunting For Bucks - \$3,000
Billy Pike, Omaha
\$50,000 Casino Thrills - \$50,000

Harriet Dellinger, North Platte

Nebraska Pick 5® - \$468

Jolene Karel, Howells

Nebraska Pick 5® - \$450

William McDermott, North Platte

Nebraska Pick 5® - \$102,000

Danyel Stricklin, Omaha

Bonus Crossword - \$1,000

George Bort, Omaha

2by2® - \$20,000

Carla Middleswart, Gibbon

Janet Zwienner, Spalding

Francis Reiss, Crete

Kathy Giese, Wisner

Double Blackjack - \$10,000

Beau Vaughn, Omaha

Powerball® - \$884

Jack Ealy, Omaha

Powerball® - \$1,628

Jack Ealy, Omaha

Powerball® - \$10,000

Daniel Svoboda, St. Paul

Allen Meyer, Gering

Powerball® - \$100,000

Wosenyelesh Hailu, Omaha

August – 2005

Nebraska Pick 3™ - \$600

Mark Larson, Omaha
Jane Gerths, West Point
Mark Babutzke, Fremont
Cynthia Mendoza, Lincoln
Monica Marushak, David City
Kathy Meloccano, Omaha
Ken Seffron, Omaha
Brad Mallett, Omaha
Mark Cutson, Omaha
Robert Soulliera, Columbus
Esteban Rios, Lexington
Orlena Raymond, Omaha
Ronald Matson, Papillion
Dedan Lijoodi, Papillion
Rick Grabbe, Omaha
Robert Donaldson, Ord
Linda Joyce, Grand Island
Jackie Kotrous, Verdigre
Edward Fuxa, Omaha
Gary Roberts, Omaha
Connie Coe, Hooper
Isaac Quarells, Lincoln
Mary Moore, Brule
Robert Turner, Omaha
William Felecia, Sioux City, IA
Maria Mason, Omaha

Promotion Leads To \$600 Winner

Larry Gray of Crete was one of the earliest players to win the \$600 top prize in the Nebraska Lottery's newest game, Nebraska Pick 3. He won the prize by selecting the Straight bet type and matching all three numbers (7, 8, 4) in the exact order drawn for the May 24 drawing.

Gray is a regular player of Nebraska Lottery games playing Powerball, Nebraska Pick 5, 2by2, and Scratch tickets also.

As he claimed his prize on June 3, Gray told Nebraska Lottery officials that he decided to try Nebraska Pick 3, which went on sale on May 22, in order to take advantage of an introductory promotion offering a free Powerball quick pick with the purchase of \$2 worth of Nebraska Pick 3.

Gray bought his tickets at the Crete Foodmart.

The odds of winning the Nebraska Pick 3 \$600 top prize are 1 in 1,000 and the odds of winning a prize are varied due to four types of bets available.



It's 'Road Trip' For \$100,000 Winner

Traveling along Interstate 80 late one night, Linda Meador was on her way to pick up her granddaughter in Indiana. As she stopped in Kearney to buy gas at Fast Phil Plaza, Meador purchased five Powerball quick picks for the Saturday, May 28, \$215 million drawing.

A couple of days later and a few states to the east, Meador who lives in Elk Ridge, Utah found out just how much one of those tickets was worth.

While visiting a local retailer in Indiana, Meador got the numbers and returned to her car for a shocking revelation. When she walked back into the store, Meador's daughter asked, "What? Did you lock the keys in the car?" To which she replied, "No, I just won the lottery." Meador had matched all five white numbers 05, 07, 24, 28, 39 to win \$100,000.

After a couple of sleepless nights, Meador returned to Nebraska on June 1 to claim her prize. Stopping at Nebraska Lottery headquarters before continuing home to Utah, Meador said she had kept the winning ticket in her glasses case inside a compartment under the seat in her locked van.

Meador told Nebraska Lottery officials that her plans for the prize included a little traveling, installing a larger-than-planned backyard swimming pool, paying some bills, and putting "a lot" into savings. She added, "I will play again."

The odds of winning \$100,000 playing Powerball are 1 in 2,939,677, and the overall odds of winning something in the game are 1 in 36.06.



Fourth Tundra Won In Schuyler



The fourth of five 2005 Toyota Tundra trucks available in the Truck\$ & Buck\$ Scratch game, was claimed September 23 on a ticket purchased in Schuyler.

Erwin Hernandez was buying gas at Casey's General Store in Schuyler on September 14, when he bought two of the \$2 Scratch tickets. Each Truck\$ & Buck\$ ticket includes three games, and in Game 2 Hernandez found three truck symbols, which meant that he had won a top prize package worth more than \$42,000.

Hernandez lives in Columbus, but works for Cargill Meat Solutions in Schuyler, so he returned to Casey's the next day to have his findings confirmed. In the process, he also validated \$14 in other winning Scratch tickets.

A week later, the same Casey's store was the setting as Nebraska Lottery officials presented Hernandez his new Tundra.

The Tundra features 50-state emissions, a V8 engine, 17-inch alloy wheels, all weather guard package, color keyed running boards, color keyed overfenders, fog lamps, JBL 3-in-1 AM/FM/Cassette/CD stereo, keyless entry system, limited slip differential, overhead console with compass, privacy glass, towing package, carpeted floor mats, and a bedliner.

The truck prize is valued at \$42,040, which includes state and federal withholding paid by the Nebraska Lottery of \$10,510 and \$2,012, respectively, and \$997 in cash for expenses incurred with ownership. Tundra winners also receive \$100 worth of free E-10 Unleaded with Ethanol, courtesy of the Nebraska Ethanol Coalition.

All five top prize trucks have been claimed. The first Tundra was claimed on May 17 by Mark Kuhn of Columbus. The second Tundra was claimed on June 8 by Elizabeth Miller of Lincoln. Miller's husband, Kyle, was on leave from military service in Iraq at the time. The third Tundra was claimed July 15 by Air Force officer Jeremy George of Bellevue. The fifth and final Tundra was claimed September 29 by Jerry McPhillips of Elkhorn.

The odds of winning one of the Truck\$ & Buck\$ five top prizes are 1 in 480,000 and the overall odds of winning something in the game are 1 in 3.64.



DID YOU KNOW?

In a follow-up poll (see page 9) conducted on nelottery.com August 17-23, 720 respondents gave the following answers to the question, "How many drivers are in your household?"

- 1 85 / 11.81%
- 2 449 / 62.36%
- 3 110 / 15.28%
- 4 53 / 7.36%
- More than 4. 22 / 3.06%
- None 1 / 0.14%

Regular Play Nets \$20,000

Michael and Colleen Anderson of Clay Center are regular Nebraska Lottery Lotto game players. Returning from a shopping trip to Grand Island, the couple stopped to buy gas at Pump & Pantry #24 in Hastings. While there, they did their usual routine when it comes to Lotto--Michael does quick picks and Colleen chooses her numbers. In total they bought six tickets for the May 14, 2005 drawings.



It wasn't until May 18 when Colleen visited the Country Store in Clay Center to have their tickets checked that they learned that they had won the 2by2 jackpot.

As he claimed their prize at Nebraska Lottery headquarters, Michael said his wife called him, somewhat stammering, with word that they had won \$20,000.

One of the two plays on their 2by2 ticket (one quick pick and one selected set of numbers) had matched the May 14 winning numbers; Red 9, 19 and White 16, 18. While the numbers they select themselves signify family birthdays, the winning play was a quick pick.

Michael told Nebraska Lottery officials that plans for the \$20,000 include helping out their daughter who will graduate from college soon. He added that they are in the process of remodeling their home, and Colleen has figured out she can now afford the new cupboards that she really wanted.

The odds of winning the 2by2 jackpot are 1 in 105,625 and the odds of winning a prize are 1 in 3.59.



Grand Island Man Claims \$154,000

Mike Tagart of Grand Island won the Nebraska Pick 5 jackpot on June 7.

Tagart checked his numbers for the June 7 drawing online at www.nelottery.com. Once he looked over the numbers he couldn't believe it was true and had to look back a second time to make sure. One of the five plays on his ticket had matched all five winning numbers 02, 03, 06, 22, 31.



Tagart said he is a regular player of both Powerball and Nebraska Pick 5. He told Nebraska Lottery officials that he always selects the Quick Pick option and buys his tickets at the Holiday station on West Second in Grand Island. He said he has won \$450 in the past playing Nebraska Pick 5 by matching four numbers.

The odds of winning the Nebraska Pick 5 jackpot are 1 in 501,942 and the overall odds of winning a prize are 1 in 8.



Air Force Officer Claims Tundra



The third of five 2005 Toyota Tundra trucks available in the \$2 Scratch game, Truck\$ & Buck\$, was claimed by a United States Air Force officer stationed at Offutt Air Force Base.

1st Lt. Jeremy George and his wife, Nicole, bought the winning ticket at Cal's X-press, 3003 Samson Way, in Bellevue on July 10.

The couple, who described themselves as occasional players, said they actually bought two Nebraska Lottery tickets. In addition to the Truck\$ & Buck\$ ticket, they bought a \$2 Double Blackjack ticket, which Jeremy scratched and won \$12.

Nicole played the Truck\$ & Buck\$ ticket, and found that she had a match of the Lucky Number and one of the Your Numbers in Game 3 of the ticket. (Each Truck\$ & Buck\$ ticket features three separate games.) It wasn't until the entire play area of the game had been scratched that she realized that the prize was a new Toyota Tundra.

Eager to learn more about the prize, the couple visited nelottery.com to examine the complete prize structure for Truck\$ & Buck\$.

For Jeremy, a native of Warrick, RI, the truck is an early birthday present. He turns 26 on July 28. Nicole is originally from San Antonio, TX, which coincidentally is where Nebraska Lottery Scratch tickets are printed.

The odds of winning one of the Truck\$ & Buck\$ five top prizes are 1 in 480,000 and the overall odds of winning something in the game are 1 in 3.64.



Alliance Man Takes Two



Paul Stavropoulos is a regular player of all three Nebraska Lottery Lotto games.

He won the \$74,000 Nebraska Pick 5 jackpot on April 25, with the same numbers he has used since he began playing Nebraska Pick 5. The numbers, 5, 13, 17, 25 and 37, include the birthdays of his three daughters and his own.

Stavropoulos learned of his win while standing in line at the Gas 'N Shop, where he had bought the winning ticket, the day after the April 25 drawing. Someone telephoned to say that the store had sold a winning Nebraska Pick 5 ticket. Since he had the ticket with him, Stavropoulos told the clerk he had bought a ticket, so the clerk checked it and delivered the good news.

Stavropoulos is a repeat winner with the Nebraska Lottery, having won a boat through the \$2 Scratch game Boats and Bucks in 2002.

The odds of winning the Nebraska Pick 5 jackpot are 1 in 501,942. The overall odds of winning something are 1 in 8.



Final Corvette Finds Home in Springfield

"If only I had a car like this 40 years ago," were the words of Jack Dover of Springfield, the third and final grand prize winner in the Sports Car Cash II Scratch game.

Dover, 67, received the winning ticket from his son, Mark, as a Father's Day present. Mark purchased the ticket at the Amoco Fuel Express on Morningside Road in Fremont.

The elder Dover told Nebraska Lottery officials that he rarely plays the lottery, and described himself as a "pretty unlucky guy", except for meeting his wife of almost fifty years. "My wife on the other hand likes to play Scratch tickets," Dover added.

However, on Father's Day, Dover won a brand new Chevrolet Corvette.

The Sports Car Cash II Corvette has a Torch Red exterior, Black Highway Nuance Leather interior, 5.7L LS1 V8 SFI engine, 4-speed automatic electronically controlled--overdrive transmission, and electrochromic (light-sensitive auto dimming) mirror.

As Nebraska Lottery officials presented the vehicle on July 19, Dover said he had kept the ticket so long (a full month) because he wanted to make sure the car wouldn't cost him anything. Valued at \$58,000, the Corvette prize includes federal and state withholding paid by the Nebraska Lottery, along with \$1,011 for expenses associated with ownership.

The odds of winning one of three Corvettes playing Sports Car Cash II were 1 in 320,000. The odds of winning a prize in the game were 1 in 3.69.

The other two Corvette winners were Kelly Johnson of Polk, and Deborah Machovec of Wahoo.

Each Corvette winner received \$100 in E-10 Unleaded with Ethanol, courtesy of the Nebraska Ethanol Coalition. The coalition also provided five \$1,000 E-10 Unleaded fuel prizes in the game's prize structure.



DID YOU KNOW?

There are currently seven ethanol plants in Nebraska with a combined capacity of 350 million gallons per year. That creates a market for more than 200 million bushels of corn each year. With support from Nebraskans at the gas pump, the size of this market could double in the next five years. The plants are located in Sutherland, Hastings (two), Aurora, York, Columbus and Blair.

Winner Worth The Wait

It was more treat than trick for a Gering man on October 31, when he claimed a \$35,000 Nebraska Lottery prize.

Harvey Green, Jr., bought a \$35,000 Bingo Scratch ticket on October 24 at Big Red Liquor in Gering. The next day, while waiting for his employer to pick him up for work, Green scratched the ticket and found that he had won one of the game's top prizes.

Each \$35,000 Bingo ticket includes five bingo cards, and it was on the fifth card that Green completed an X pattern to win \$35,000.

Unsure of his prize, Green told his mother, "I think I won." Green took the ticket to Big Red Liquor to have it verified. They were all shocked, when the \$3,500 they thought was the prize turned out to be \$35,000.

On October 31, Green visited Nebraska Lottery headquarters in Lincoln to redeem the ticket.

He told Nebraska Lottery officials that he had kept the ticket in a safe for the previous week, and that his plans for the prize including buying himself a different car and "having some fun".

The odds of winning a top prize playing \$35,000 Bingo are 1 in 480,000, and the overall odds of winning something in the \$3 Scratch game are 1 in 3.45.



Mother, Son Like Nebraska Pick 3



One mother and son team has proven that lightning can strike more than once in a family.

Connie Coe of Hooper and David Coe of Blair traveled to Nebraska Lottery headquarters in Lincoln together, each with a winning Nebraska Pick 3 ticket in hand. As they claimed their prizes on October 18, they explained how both wins were unique.

Connie chose the straight bet type and her quick pick ticket matched the winning numbers (7, 8, 5) for the September 6 drawing. This was the second time Connie has won \$600 playing Nebraska Pick 3, the first being in August.

David also chose the straight bet type for his quick pick ticket, and matched the winning numbers (7, 1, 6) for the October 13 drawing. This grand prize win marked the first time David had ever played Nebraska Pick 3.

Both of the Coes' winning tickets were sold at the City Meat Market in Hooper.

Connie told Nebraska Lottery officials that her prize money would go into her trip fund. David said he plans to use the \$600 to pay off some bills.

The odds of winning \$600 playing Nebraska Pick 3 are 1 in 1,000. The overall odds of the game vary with the selected bet type.

There have been more than 300 top prize winners since Nebraska Pick 3 went on sale on May 22.



Family Enjoys Digest Contests

Reading the Nebraska Lottery Players Digest (and entering its contests) is a family affair for two sisters in Custer County in central Nebraska.

Kathleen Vogel of Arnold and Kathy Lynch of Broken Bow both identified eight words in the word search puzzle of the Summer 2005 issue of the magazine. As a result, they both won coupons for 40 Nebraska Lottery tickets in the contest's August 15 drawing.

In addition to a fondness for the Players Digest, the sisters share the same November birthday. This story was related to the Nebraska Lottery by Carolina Duponcheel of Ainsworth, who noted that the family likes to gather around the Digest to play the latest contest.

The words identified by Kathleen and Kathy were: YOUR WAY, TUNDRA, EDUCATION, NET(V), LOTTO, TOYOTA, (YOUR) NUMBERS, STATE FAIR. The one missing word was ENVIRONMENT.

Twenty-five entries were selected on each drawing date (August 15 and September 15). Each of the nine words (or phrases) identified was worth five Nebraska Lottery coupons (one free \$1 Scratch ticket and one free \$1 play for each Lotto game).



Fremont Woman Claims Jackpot

A last-minute decision to add a quick pick to a regular set of Nebraska Pick 5 numbers netted the jackpot for a Fremont couple.

Angela Matz claimed the September 2 Nebraska Pick 5 jackpot ten days after she and her husband realized they had won \$222,000.

Matz told Nebraska Lottery officials that as her husband was selecting his own numbers for a Nebraska Pick 5 ticket at Brady's Meats and Food in Fremont, he decided to add a quick pick play.

A few days later, when he returned to the retailer to check the ticket, he realized that they had won the jackpot.

As she claimed their prize, Matz said plans for the money included buying a house and establishing college funds for their two children.

The winning Nebraska Pick 5 numbers for the September 2 drawing were: 5, 11, 18, 25, 30.

The odds of matching all five winning numbers are 1 in 501,942.

