

CROSSWORD CONTEST

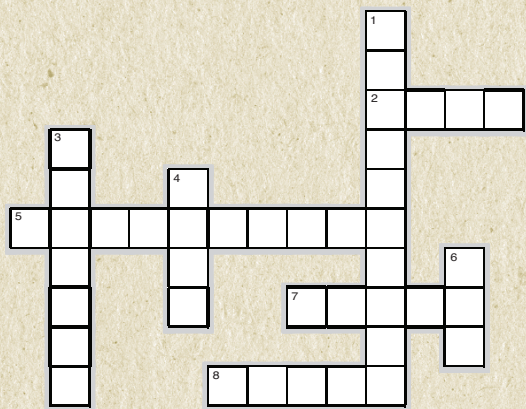
Enter to win up to \$56 in Lottery coupons.

Complete the crossword puzzle below, then mail* this entire page to Nebraska Lottery Times, P.O. Box 94878, Lincoln, NE 68509-4878.

At noon on the drawing day (March 1, 2013), we will draw 25 entries. For each word/phrase identified, those entries will receive seven free \$1 Scratch tickets. That's

the equivalent of \$7 worth of free tickets for each word/phrase identified—maximum total prize value \$56.

**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.*



ACROSS

- The folk song Auld ____ Syne is traditionally used to celebrate the start of the New Year at the stroke of midnight.
- \$5 holiday game featuring cash and Pick 5 ticket prizes; _____ Payout.
- _____ is a parlour game played in teams with three dice, and also a \$2 Scratch game.
- Lottery tickets make great holiday _____.

DOWN

- The U.S. Greeting Card Association estimates that approximately 190 million _____ are sent each year in the US to celebrate a holiday in February.
- You can win double prizes on _____ if you purchase a multi-draw ticket with the 2by2 _____ feature.
- You can purchase a MyDaY play with _____ Day (February 29) only for years that are divisible by 4.
- Egg _____ is a popular drink that is usually associated with winter celebrations such as Thanksgiving, Christmas, and the New Year.

Enter To Win

Name: _____ Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

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

20 YEARS OF PRESERVATION

The Nebraska Environmental Trust was established in 1992 to conserve, enhance and restore the natural environments of Nebraska. It was created on the conviction that a prosperous future is dependent upon a sound natural environment and that Nebraskans could collectively achieve real progress on real environmental issues if seed money were provided.

The Trust especially seeks projects that bring public and private partners together collaboratively to implement high-quality, cost-effective projects. The Trust values projects that leverage private investment in conservation and emphasize long-lasting results. Spending on approved projects is not to be a replacement for tax-funded projects or mandates and operations of government; it is used solely to carry out innovative ideas making Nebraska's good life even better. Applicants for Nebraska Environmental Trust grants must meet tightly drawn criteria for eligibility to assure public benefit and substantial environmental gains.

One example of a project supported by the Nebraska Environmental Trust is

the Used Oil Filter Recycling Program run by the City of Omaha. Funding was awarded to purchase a heavy duty oil filter crusher for large and small filters, lessening the waste load by crushing the oil filter to a compact size while at the same time eliminating the amount of oil that can be left behind in dirty filters. Fleet Management is responsible for the repair and maintenance of over 2,600 pieces of equipment and uses over 3,300 oil filters a year. By crushing oil filters, the City of Omaha has been able to recycle used oil filters instead of the previous practice of hot draining the filters and disposing them in the trash. Filter crushing began on June 14, 2012, and has already resulted in over 900 oil filters being recycled instead of sent to the landfill, and has resulted in recycling over 28 gallons of waste oil.

The Nebraska Lottery has provided over \$191 million dollars in lottery proceeds to the Nebraska Environmental Trust since 1993. For more information about the Nebraska Environmental Trust, visit their website at environmental-trust.org.



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Celebrating 20
Years of Fun



1993 was a year filled with historic moments. Bill Clinton was inaugurated as President of the United States; the World Wide Web was introduced; and on September 11, 1993, the first Nebraska Lottery ticket was sold. Twenty years later, the Nebraska Lottery is still providing lottery players with fun and excitement. We have several things planned to celebrate our 20th anniversary.

As with our previous anniversaries, we have planned some special Scratch games for our 20th year. \$3 Bonus Crossword, our best-selling Scratch game, has been updated with new artwork as Anniversary Bonus Crossword. A new \$10 game, Platinum Jubilee 20X, will also be available in 2013. Platinum Jubilee 20X feature the five scenes of Nebraska that were printed on the first Lottery Scratch game, Nebraska Match Three.

Along with the anniversary games, the \$2 Truck\$ & Buck\$ game will return with

new Toyota Tundra trucks and a bigger and better second-chance giveaway. Details for the truck giveaway are still being finalized, but the contest will end with a giveaway celebration that will give our loyal players a chance to celebrate our 20th year and win some spectacular prizes. Throughout the year, we'll be running other promotions tied to both Scratch and Lotto games for even more opportunities to win, and our event staff will bring lottery fun to events across Nebraska.

The Nebraska Lottery will continue to celebrate 20 years of providing quality entertainment options and generating proceeds for good causes. The total amount raised for education, the environment, the Nebraska State Fair and Compulsive Gamblers Assistance since 1993 has exceeded \$458 million, and every county in Nebraska has benefited from projects funded with Nebraska Lottery proceeds.

WINNING WAYS

Fremont Couple Wins \$1 Million Playing Mega Millions® with Megaplier®

Gerald and Robin Ritter of Fremont won \$1 million playing Nebraska Mega Millions with Megaplier.

Gerald Ritter purchased the winning Mega Millions with Megaplier ticket at Tom's Beverage Shop, 1869 East 23rd Street in Fremont. The quick pick ticket contained one play with all five of the winning white ball numbers (6, 10, 24, 26, 42) from the October 12 drawing for a \$250,000 prize.

Because Ritter added the \$1 Megaplier option to his purchase, his \$250,000 prize was multiplied by the guaranteed 4X Megaplier number for a total of \$1 million. This is the third \$1 million Mega Millions prize won in Nebraska since the Nebraska Lottery began offering the game on March 20, 2010.

While claiming the million-dollar prize on October 16, Gerald Ritter told Nebraska Lottery officials that he learned he had won after seeing a story about the winning ticket in the Fremont Tribune newspaper. "I came home and saw the winning numbers in the paper," said Ritter. "Then I called my wife at work to tell her the news. It was exciting." Ritter's wife, Robin, stated



that she encouraged her husband to add the \$1 Megaplier feature. "I always buy Megaplier tickets, and I told him he should too, because it increases your prizes," she said.

The Ritters plan to pay bills and save the rest of their winnings for the future.

The odds of winning \$250,000 playing Mega Millions are 1 in 3,904,701. Adding the \$1 Megaplier option, which does not affect the odds of winning, gives players a chance at multiplying their non-jackpot prizes two, three, or four times. The overall odds of winning any Mega Millions prize are 1 in 40.



WINNERS FROM NOVEMBER 2012

Powerball - \$1,000,000
Marcella Stoller, Omaha
Powerball - \$40,000
Roy League, Stratton
Powerball - \$10,000
James Mumm, La Vista
David Aken, Lincoln
Adam Proctor, Lincoln
Richard Malone, Palmyra
Kevin Thome, Plattsmouth
Tara Urkoski, Silver Creek
Mega Millions - \$40,000
Gregor Henricks, Omaha
Mega Millions - \$600
Jeff Konler, Omaha
Norman Pielan, Columbus
Michael Hofer, Omaha
Dan Garner, Douglas, WY
Eduard Kolesnikov, Omaha
Bonita Garcia, McCook
Barry Eberspacher, Lincoln
Bryan Kroese, Lincoln
Nebraska Pick 5 - \$110,000
Glen Gotschall, Columbus
Melaine Miller, Omaha
2by2 - \$22,000
Hung Nguyen, Lincoln (x2)
MyDay - \$5,000
James Joyce, Grand Island
Larry Ollerich, Sioux Falls, SD
Marilyn Sokolovsky, Fremont
Mary Micek, Omaha
Mark Leggott, Kearney
George Lambert, Burchard
Diane Clendenin, McCook
Nebraska Pick 3 - \$3,000
Robert Ritonya, Omaha
Nebraska Pick 3 - \$1,800
Randolph Abel, Norfolk
Nebraska Pick 3 - \$1,200
David Westphalen, Schuyler (x3)
Sharon Westphalen, Schuyler (x2)
Thomas Mitchell, Omaha
Dwight Kumm, Pilger
Victoria Christensen, Columbus
Nebraska Pick 3 - \$600
Alan Eells, Bellevue
P.D. Duensing, Lincoln
Edward Shearer, Lincoln
Jaron Cannon, Omaha
Karleen Stutzman, Raymond

Kathy Hug, Omaha
Samuel Hellbusch, Creston
Brenda Cates, Hastings
Gertrude Williams, Papillion
Linh Luong, Omaha
Dennis McMahon, Omaha
Phillip Bruning, Milford
Collonteen Phelps, Omaha
Darrell Ries, Papillion
Sharen Kallhoff, South Sioux City
James Heflinger, Omaha (x2)
Darlene Pollock, Bennington
Hien Nguyen, Lincoln (x2)
Roseann Kuwamoto, Lincoln
Julie Anson, Omaha
Dennis Wagner, Wayne
Francis Winnicki, Omaha (x2)
Raymond Marrero, Omaha
Story Schwenk, Harvard
Raymond Schulte, Ralston
Roger Buss, West Point
Glenda Steelsmith, Kearney
Albert Ford, Omaha
Kathleen Cain, Omaha
Danny Turner, Omaha
Alexis Rodriguez, Norfolk
Roger Shoup, Ft. Pierre, SD
\$100,000 Bonus Slots - \$1,000
Paul Swerczek, Cedar Rapids
Justin Wilson, Lincoln
\$50,000 Silver & Gold Crossword - \$50,000
Melody Grim, St. Libory
Eswin Lopez-Bravo, Lexington
\$50,000 Silver & Gold Crossword - \$1,000
Todd Ashburn, Osmond
Justin Nelsen, Lincoln
Mario Ramos, Plattsmouth
Megan Burns, Omaha
John Kula, Schuyler
Rebecca Gentry, Anselmo
Sandra Wicht, Grand Island
5X Lucky - \$1,000
Robert Keim, Lexington
A Christmas Story - \$25,000
Neishia Gross, Beatrice
A Christmas Story - \$1,000
Marla Hannah, Omaha
Monica Ray, Holdrege
L. Ronald Bray, Holdrege
Jessica Zielasko, Bellevue

Bad Gifts - \$1,000
Bonnie Sekutera, Loup City
Bejeweled - \$30,000
Freddie Reed, Hastings
Big Money - \$1,000
Melissa Stednitz, Fremont
Bonus Crossword - \$1,000
Harold Hilger, Hastings
Sandra Taylor, Papillion
Conference Foes - \$100,000
Rachael Scoles, La Vista
Conference Foes - \$1,000
Charles Petzel, Wisner
Find the 9s - \$2,000
Vance Teegerstrom, Stromsburg
Bruce Hauschild, Lincoln
Joseph Jimerson, Omaha
Frisbee Disc - \$15,000
Daniel Nichols, Overton
Holiday Quick 7's - \$7,000
Janet Daude, Omaha
Loops of Loot - \$35,000
Walter Rhoads, Omaha
Mega Cash - \$50,000
Gerardo Gutierrez, Grand Island
Nebraska Lottery Limited - \$1,000
Diane Ellingson, Broken Bow
Jannell Koenig, Norfolk
Branden Hoffart, Fremont
Peppermint Payout - \$35,000
Jeremy Stammer, Craig
Peppermint Payout - \$1,000
Debra Janky, Columbus
James Roberts, Burwell
Platinum Card 9X - \$5,000
Richard Lawver, Wahoo
Pure Gold - \$1,000
Jessica Araujo, North Platte
Quick 7s Deluxe - \$15,000
Patrick Swift, Lincoln
Super 7s Bingo - \$35,000
Karen Morrison, Valentine
Super 7s Bingo - \$1,000
Madalyn Gartlan, Omaha
Triple Diamonds - \$15,000
Dorene Hurd, Custer, SD
Zombie Bash - \$1,000
Robert Honomichl, Minden

Must be 19 or older to play. Please play responsibly. Compulsive Gambling Help Line: 1-800-GAMBLER

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NEBRASKA POWERBALL \$1 MILLION PRIZE WINNERS TO DATE:
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FUN FACT
The first Nebraska Lottery Scratch game, Nebraska Match Three, was launched on September 11, 1993, with a top prize of \$5,000. After 31 days, half of the game was sold.



Powerball Enhancements Bring Higher Jackpots, More Millionaires



Mark Davies of Bennington won \$2 million playing Nebraska Powerball with Power Play in August 2012.

Enhancements to the multi-state Powerball game went into effect on January 15, 2012. Since then, the game has generated higher jackpots and several Nebraska millionaires.

The Powerball jackpot now starts at \$40 million, up from \$20 million, and grows by at least \$10 million each time it is not won. These factors allow for larger jackpots that grow more quickly than before. In November 2012, the Powerball jackpot hit a record \$550 million, the biggest jackpot ever offered by the game. "The changes to Powerball were designed to generate bigger jackpots, and this historic jackpot of over half a billion dollars was a direct result of those changes," said Jim Haynes, Nebraska Lottery director. The previous record-high Powerball jackpot was in February 2006, when a group of eight coworkers at the ConAgra Foods ham and corned beef plant in Lincoln split a \$365 million jackpot.

Another benefit of the new Powerball game is the millionaires that the game has produced. Powerball players asked for a game that provided the chance to win significant non-jackpot prizes. The new Powerball game has a \$1 million Match 5 prize in place of the previous \$200,000 prize. There have been three \$1 million Powerball winners in Nebraska since January, and one \$2 million Powerball Power Play winner. Additionally, more Nebraskans are winning Powerball prizes due to the better overall odds.

Besides the chance to win millions of dollars in prizes, players who purchase a Powerball ticket are supporting good causes across Nebraska. Proceeds from the sale of Powerball tickets support the environment, education, the Nebraska State Fair, and compulsive gambler's assistance. "When you buy a Nebraska Lottery ticket, our entire state reaps the rewards," said Haynes.