

Nebraska Lottery

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Winter Bonuses

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

Premier Stop Blue Hill, Blue Hill, Bonus Quick 7s, \$17,777
Casey's #3813, Papillion, Holiday Classic 50X, \$1,000
Casey's #6173, La Vista, Holiday Classic 50X, \$1,000
Hy-Vee Food Store #5, Lincoln, Lucky For Life, \$5,032
Kum & Go #367, Omaha, Money Shark, \$30,000
N-Stant Conv. Store 1, McCook, Ruby Red Crossword Connect, \$1,000
Cubby's, Omaha, Ultimate Crossword Inferno, \$1,000
Greeley Rapid Stop, Greeley, Diamond Dollars, \$1,000
Hy-Vee Food Store #05 (1470), Omaha, Pick 5, \$120,035
Casey's #1579, Pawnee City, Polar Payout, \$1,000
Bootlegger Liquor, St. Paul, 2by2, \$22,003
Pump & Pantry #16, York, Holiday Classic 50X, \$1,000
Casey's #2441, Papillion, Holiday Classic 50X, \$1,000
Casey's #6121, Elkhorn, Holiday Classic 50X, \$1,000
Hy-Vee Food Store #11, Omaha, Ultimate Crossword Inferno, \$1,000
Casey's #6184, Omaha, Holiday Classic 20X, \$20,000
Hy-Vee Food Store #4, Lincoln, Ultimate Crossword Inferno, \$1,000
Kum & Go #363, Omaha, 20X Bingo Multiplier, \$1,000
Speedee Mart 2762, Omaha, Holiday Classic 50X, \$1,000
Pump & Pantry #22, Burwell, Ultimate Crossword Inferno, \$1,000
Trotter's Whoa & Go Express VI, Palmer, Holiday Classic 50X, \$1,000
Shoemaker's South, Roca, Ultimate Crossword Inferno, \$1,000
Kwik Shop #645, Fremont, Holiday Classic 50X, \$50,000
Pump & Pantry #33, Genoa, Lucky Symbols Loteria, \$1,000
U-Stop #11, Lincoln, Holiday Classic 50X, \$1,000
Kwik Stop #09, Central City, Holiday Classic 50X, \$1,000
Anderson Conv. Market 140, Omaha, Mystery Multiplier, \$1,000
Speedee Mart 2725, Omaha, Sphinx, \$1,000
Casey's #6124, Omaha, \$200,000 Cash Crossword, \$1,000
U-Stop #03, Lincoln, Diamond Dollars, \$1,000
Premier Stop North, Hastings, Holiday Classic 50X, \$1,000
Super Saver #09, Lincoln, Holiday Classic 50X, \$1,000
CVS Pharmacy #08615, Lincoln, Ultimate Crossword Inferno, \$1,000
Casey's #1576, Hebron, \$200,000 Cash Crossword, \$200,000
Hy-Vee Food Store #5, Lincoln, 50X The Cash, \$1,000
Pump & Pantry #53, Jackson, Diamond Dollars, \$1,000
Mom's Corner, Beatrice, Holiday Classic 50X, \$1,000
Hy-Vee Fast & Fresh #2, Lincoln, Holiday Classic 50X, \$1,000
Dual Stop 23rd St, Columbus, MyDaY, \$5,004
Casey's #3605, Bennington, Ultimate Crossword Inferno, \$1,000

Andy's Quick Stop, Oakland, Ultimate Crossword Inferno, \$1,000
Casey's #1737, Fremont, Pick 5, \$200,018
Casey's #2968, Eagle, 30th Anniversary Jackpot, \$1,000
Trails West, Trenton, Holiday Classic 50X, \$1,000
Casey's #1914, North Platte, Powerball, \$50,014
Cubby's, Bellevue, 7-11-21, \$7,777
Pump & Pantry #23, Holdrege, Holiday Classic 2X, \$2,000
White Star Oil, Albion, Holiday Classic 50X, \$1,000
Speedee Mart 2903, Hebron, Holiday Classic 50X, \$1,000
NP Mart 21, Norfolk, Holiday Classic 50X, \$1,000
Tag's One Stop, Nebraska City, Lucky For Life, \$5,000
Russ's Market #01, Lincoln, Holiday Classic 50X, \$1,000
Kum & Go #348, Omaha, Holiday Classic 50X, \$1,000
T-Bone Truck Stop #2, Duncan, Polar Payout, \$1,000
Pony Express Emerson, Emerson, Powerball, \$2,000,004
Uehling Gas N Go, Uehling, Powerball, \$50,004
Prime Stop, Norfolk, Diamond Dollars, \$1,000
Jet Stop, Sterling, Holiday Classic 20X, \$20,000
Hy-Vee Fast & Fresh #8, Omaha, Holiday Classic 50X, \$1,000
Wohlner's Grocery, Omaha, Holiday Classic 50X, \$1,000
QuikTrip #578, Omaha, Holiday Classic 50X, \$1,000
Casey's #2978, Lincoln, Lucky Symbols Loteria, \$1,000
Kwik Stop #22, Gibbon, Pick 5, \$110,002
Baker's #315, Omaha, Triple Tripler, \$1,000
Casey's #2987, Omaha, Holiday Classic 2X, \$2,000
Hy-Vee Food Store #1185, Fremont, Holiday Classic 50X, \$1,000
Gas Island II, Grand Island, Holiday Classic 50X, \$1,000
Casey's #2885, Norfolk, MyDaY, \$5,004
Pilger Pride, Pilger, MyDaY, \$5,001
Kwik Shop #667, Omaha, Triple Tripler, \$1,000
Casey's #3298, Kearney, Ultimate Crossword Inferno, \$1,000
Select Mart, South Sioux City, Holiday Classic 50X, \$1,000
Short Stop, Alma, Holiday Classic 50X, \$1,000
Speedee Mart 2760, Papillion, MyDaY, \$5,008
Hy-Vee Fast & Fresh #11, Elkhorn, Ruby Red Crossword Connect, \$1,000
Dickie Doodles, Columbus, Holiday Classic 50X, \$1,000
Hy-Vee Fast & Fresh, Plattsmouth, Holiday Classic 50X, \$1,000
QuikTrip #578, Omaha, Holiday Classic 50X, \$1,000
Casey's #1800, Holdrege, Ultimate Crossword Inferno, \$100,000
Kwik Shop #664, La Vista, Lucky For Life, \$5,000

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.

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THE NEWSLETTER FOR NEBRASKA LOTTERY RETAILERS

What's Inside:

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Brian Rockey
Lottery Director

At the time of this writing, we are in the midst of a much-deserved respite from the bitter cold that struck the state at the beginning of the year. Just as the inches of snow changed the scenery around the state to an otherworldly look that felt familiar but different, the landscape for Scratch and Lotto, too, is changing.

It is becoming more and more clear that player spending habits and preferences are evolving and we have been hearing what our players say in order to match that evolution. Through these efforts we have developed new Scratch games, adjusted the way we structure game payouts and are adding new games to our quiver. The biggest addition will undoubtedly be Lotto America later this year. Players have been very vocal about their interest in this game and we are happy that we will be able to offer it along with our impressive lineup of both our homegrown Nebraska games and multi-state lotto games.

While we work to develop games that meet player expectations, we are also working to better our contributions to our beneficiaries. Through our efforts to enhance player experiences and retail practices, we hope that our history of creating opportunities for our beneficiaries continues to speak for itself as we continue to carry that legacy into 2024.

Lottery Times Goes Online

The Spring 2024 issue of The Lottery Times player magazine will be the last printed issue. Going forward, The Lottery Times will be available online only.

The decision to move to an online format was made after receiving feedback from players, retailers, and Lottery sales representatives. Over the years, it became more difficult to find a place for The Lottery Times at stores where space is limited. Players will still be able to get the latest Lottery news and enter to win Lottery coupons in the online version.

Instructions to sign up for email notification of new Lottery Times issues can be found on the cover of the Spring 2024 issue at retailers and nelottery.com.



Nebraska Pick 5 Thrives After Changes

Nebraska's game Nebraska Pick 5 continues to be a player favorite after changes were made to the game in August 2023. Sales of the game have increased, and with a jackpot that now rolls by \$10,000 the average jackpot won has grown. On October 9, 2023, a \$370,000 Nebraska Pick 5 jackpot was won by a player in Benkelman—the largest jackpot ever won in the game's history. All this adds up to happy players and more money for good causes across our state.



Coming Soon: Lotto America®

The popular multi-state game Lotto America® is coming to Nebraska in May. Currently offered by 13 lotteries, Lotto America is a \$1 draw game with drawings every Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday night. The Lotto America jackpot starts at \$2 million and increases every drawing if it is not won. And the \$1 All Star Bonus® feature multiplies all prizes levels except the jackpot by 2, 3, 4 or 5 times.

Look for more information about Lotto America in future issues of Ticket Talk.

Problem Gambling Awareness Month Ticket Message

March is Problem Gambling Awareness Month. To raise awareness of PGAM, a ticket message will appear on the bottom of every Lotto ticket printed March 1–16:

**“March is Problem Gambling Awareness Month.
Learn more at nelottery.com.”**

A portion of lottery proceeds is dedicated to problem gambling assistance. If you or someone you know has a problem with gambling, free help is available at problemgambling.nebraska.gov.

Activate Tickets

As a reminder, you must activate your Scratch ticket packs before you put them in your display for sale. If an inactive ticket is sold and taken to another retailer, players can't redeem their prizes. This ends with unhappy players, and you have to use valuable time to correct the issue.

TO ACTIVATE A PACK FOR SALE:

Touch Activate Pack(s) from the Scratch Functions menu.

Scan the barcode from a ticket, or enter the game and pack number using the numeric touchpad.

You may activate other packs or touch Send.

A confirmation screen displays. Touch OK.

A receipt prints automatically.

If you try to validate a ticket from an inactive pack that was sold at another store, it will be rejected. In this situation, contact Lottery Accounting at 800-587-5200 to have the pack activated.

Holiday Classic Second Chance Promotion

Congratulations to the winners of the Holiday Classic Second-Chance Promotion!

- **\$1,000 prize winner:**
Lynda Hunt of Plattsmouth
- **\$5,000 prize winner:**
Jessica Reddest of Pierce
- **\$10,000 prize winner:**
Dodi Holling of Superior
- **\$20,000 prize winner:**
Michelle Rowlee of Gering

A total of 71,181 entries were received in the contest between October 16 and January 3.



Cash Blast

Get ready for blast off! The Nebraska Lottery's Cash Blast Promotion is back!

Starting February 14, Nebraska Lottery players will have a chance to win \$5,000 or \$500 every week with the purchase of a 2by2 ticket. If the ticket they purchased was for a seven day or more draw, that prize will be doubled to \$10,000 or \$1,000.

Every \$1 2by2 ticket purchased will produce a voucher number that players can enter through the Nebraska Lottery's MVP Club at nelottery.com.

Drawings will be held on Wednesdays, February 21, February 28, March 6, March 13, March 20, March 27 and Thursday, April 4.

Voucher numbers can be entered on our website up until 11:59 p.m. on April 3. Players can enter multiple times during the promotion, but each voucher can only be entered once.

Get ready for spring with a splash of cash with the Nebraska Lottery and 2by2.



March Tear Pad Coupon and St. Pat's Special

Two great offers are coming to lottery retailers in March. With the next padded coupon, players can get a three-draw Powerball play with Power Play and Double Play for just \$8 (a \$12 value). And with the St. Pat's Day Special March 14–17 players can get quick pick plays for Nebraska Pick 3, Nebraska Pick 5, and MyDaY at a discounted price of \$2. Click the “Special” button on the terminal to produce the discounted tickets.

Upcoming Scratch:

King of Cash (\$5)
 Game Number: 1283
 Top Prize: \$500
 Overall Odds: 1:3.46
 Free Tickets: No

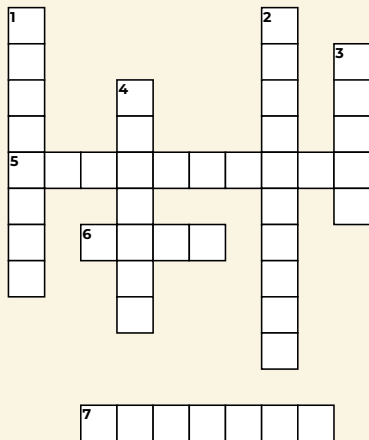
Mega Loteria (\$10)
 Game Number: 1290
 Top Prize: \$100,000
 Overall Odds: 1:2.50
 Free Tickets: Yes

Truck\$ & Buck\$ (\$2)
 Game Number: 1295
 Top Prize: Truck
 Overall Odds: 1:3.69
 Free Tickets: Yes

Lucky Dog Loteria (\$5)
 Game Number: 1282
 Top Prize: \$40,000
 Overall Odds: 1:4.00
 Free Tickets: Yes



Loyal Readers Contest



Across:

- 5. The U.S. Greeting Card Association estimates that approximately 190 million _____ are sent each year in the US.
- 6. New \$5 Scratch game, _____ of Cash.
- 7. Confidential and professional help for Nebraskans is available for free from the Nebraska _____ Gamblers Assistance Program.

Down:

- 1. Make sure to _____ a Scratch ticket pack before selling tickets from it.
- 2. In the wild, _____ rarely stray far from a burrow entrance but can climb trees to escape predators.
- 3. Purchase a 2by2 ticket between Feb. 14 and April 2 to enter the 2by2 Cash _____ promotion.
- 4. Lotto _____ is a new game coming to Nebraska in May.

Enter To Win

Name: _____
 Mailing Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Retailer: _____

Enter your store by completing and mailing this entry coupon 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.

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

Each issue, we will draw ten entries from among retailer entries received by the designated deadline (March 29). 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.

Retailer Spotlight

Melichar's 66 has been a Lincoln institution since 1969. The only gas station and repair shop in downtown Lincoln, Melichar's has fixed cars for generations of families.

The original location closed down in March of 2023 after the lot was sold to real estate developers. The station was razed, the gas tanks removed, leaving an empty hole where Melichar's once stood.

Bruce Melichar and his son Jeff Melichar who own the station were sad to see it go, but have relocated to a new shop on the south side of Lincoln at the corner of S 48th and Normal.

Some things don't change though. They still hang up their Husker Football score predictions on the letterboard out front. They still perform auto repairs at a decent price and they still have Tank, their big, gruff bulldog.

Tank is exactly what his name implies, an immovable object, sitting by the door and greeting people as they come in.

The place has changed a lot since 1969 when Bruce's dad Gene Melichar built the original location from the ground up, but they're hoping to stick around their new location for a good long while.



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:

Katie Garwood
Henderson IGA,
Valentine

Jeff Anderson
North Bend Mini Mart,
North Bend

Rob Wilson
Trotter's,
Merna

Greg Thramer
Ewing Family Foods,
Ewing

Patti Oshlo
Super C #4,
Lincoln

Dorothy Griffith
Vince's Corner,
Kimball

Shaun Jenkins
NP Mart #21,
Norfolk

Kris Guthard
Rae Valley Market,
Petersburg

Mary Finke
C & M Supply,
Deshler

Julie Raabe
Pilger Pride,
Pilger

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

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

*Ten winners are selected each month. Be sure your store is entered. See the crossword puzzle and entry form on the next page.