

# CROSSWORD CONTEST

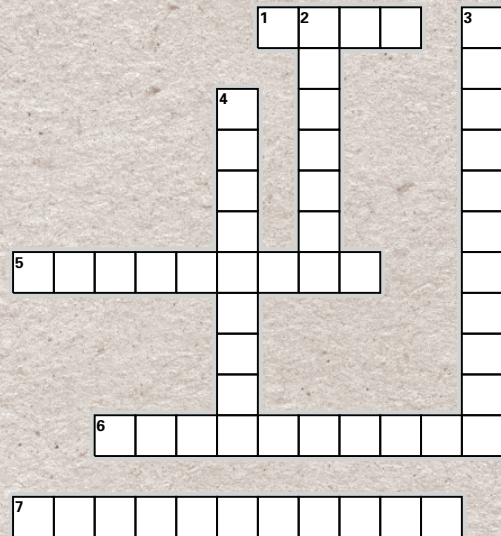
Enter to win up to \$91 in Lottery coupons.

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 13) we will draw 25 entries. For each word/phrase identified, those entries will receive one (1) coupon for a free \$1 Scratch ticket and one (1) coupon for a free play of

each of the seven Lotto games. That's the equivalent of \$13 worth of free tickets for each word/phrase identified – maximum total prize value \$91.

*\*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

- 1 February 29, also known as \_\_\_\_ day, is a date added to most years that are divisible by 4.
- 5 Known as the "home of country music", \_\_\_\_\_ has become a major music recording and production center.
- 6 \_\_\_\_\_ form in a wide variety of intricate shapes, leading to the notion that "no two are alike".
- 7 Nebraska Lottery games are only for adults, so remember to give tickets \_\_\_\_\_ this holiday season.

## DOWN

- 2 In addition to Ford F-150 trucks, players can win \$500 in \_\_\_\_\_-enriched fuel in the Truck\$ & Buck\$ Scratch game.
- 3 A study found 46% of participants who made common New Year's \_\_\_\_\_ were likely to succeed.
- 4 You can purchase \_\_\_\_\_ Lotto tickets up to twelve weeks in advance..

## 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.

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## NEBRASKA OPPORTUNITY GRANT



## Funding Educational Projects with Lottery Proceeds

Did you know that when you buy a Nebraska Lottery ticket, you're helping Nebraska students and educators? About 25 cents of every dollar spent on lottery tickets is reserved for good causes, and educational projects receive a 44.5% share of the proceeds along with the environment, Nebraska State Fair, and compulsive gambler's assistance.

Proceeds for education are used as determined by the Nebraska Legislature. Currently all proceeds are transferred to the Nebraska Education Improvement Fund for activities such as grants for Nebraska college students, supporting innovative local educational practices, and distance learning programs.

The Nebraska Opportunity Grant (NOG) program has been funded in part with Lottery proceeds since 2003. It is the State of Nebraska's only need-based financial aid program for postsecondary students. Over 105,000 NOG awards have been made using lottery proceeds. Students that receive aid are Nebraska residents pursuing a certificate, associates, or bachelor's degree at a Nebraska college or university. "Each year, the Nebraska Opportunity Grant reduces financial obstacles for thousands of Nebraska college students with ambition but modest means to pursue their educational goals without over-relying on student loans," said Michael Baumgartner, executive director of Nebraska's Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education. "Lottery profits are critical to the program's growth and success." To learn more about the Nebraska Opportunity Grant, visit [ccpe.nebraska.gov](http://ccpe.nebraska.gov).

Another grant program funded with lottery proceeds is the Nebraska Innovation Grant Program. Using 17% of the funds allocated for education, the Nebraska Department of Education offers competitive Innovation Grants for the development, expansion, and investment in innovative best practices. Grant projects range from personalized learning, career academies, after school design networks, and digital ecosystem development. To learn more about the program and see a video about recent grant recipients, visit [education.ne.gov/pmo/innovation-grant](http://education.ne.gov/pmo/innovation-grant).

Over \$337 million in lottery proceeds has been raised for educational programs since 1993. Together, we're building a better Nebraska.

# THE LOTTERY TIMES

CELEBRATING  
25  
YEARS



In June 1996 a new Nebraska Lottery Scratch game was launched. It was a hit with players looking to instantly win a new truck. 25 years and 108 trucks later, Truck\$ & Buck\$ still ranks as Nebraska's favorite Scratch game. And there are some big changes coming to celebrate 25 Years of Truck\$ & Buck\$.

The look of Truck\$ & Buck\$ is changing for 2020. The tickets are taller

and offer 10 chances to win. The top prize is still a truck, but the seven Ford F-150s will be a silver color for the anniversary. A player poll was held during 2019 Lottery Week, and the overwhelming truck color choice was silver.

In addition to new trucks, players can win thousands of dollars in cash and ethanol-enriched fuel prizes. Look for the new Truck\$ & Buck\$ Scratch game at retailers in January 2020.

Top prize odds 1:300,000



# WINNING WAYS

## Lexington Man Wins \$82,000 Playing Nebraska Pick 5



nebraska  
**PICK 5**

Richard Beran of Lexington won \$82,000 playing Nebraska Pick 5 from the Nebraska Lottery.

Beran bought his winning ticket where he always plays, at Casey's General Store at 609 Plum Creek Parkway in Lexington. The ticket contained one play with the winning numbers 03, 28, 31, 35 and 38 from the October 25 drawing for the \$82,000 jackpot.

While claiming his prize at Nebraska Lottery headquarters, Beran told Lottery officials he had some trouble telling his wife about the win.

After trying unsuccessfully to call her, he stopped by his wife's office and left a note on her car telling her he'd won. After she found it, she called him back, sure he was playing a trick on her. Even after assuring her it was a real winning ticket, he still had some trouble believing it himself.

"I was completely flabbergasted," he said.

Beran said he'll be spending some of his money on Christmas presents and a vehicle. He's still not sure what he'll be driving, as he wants a new Mustang, but his wife thinks a new Jeep would be more practical.

# WINNERS

FROM NOVEMBER 2019

**Mega Millions - \$1,000**  
Warren Holmes, Omaha  
Richard Garrow, Lincoln  
**Mega Millions - \$800**  
Patricia Pecha, Gretna  
**Mega Millions - \$600**  
John Carrieri, Syracuse  
Sydney Glaser, Kearney  
Theodore Lane, Omaha  
**Mega Millions - \$500**  
Travis Wolf, Gothenburg  
**Lucky For Life - \$5,000**  
Keith Blake, Waverly  
Casey Brinkman, Lincoln  
**Nebraska Pick 5 - \$134,000**  
Manuel Brazil, Wahoo  
**Nebraska Pick 5 - \$110,000**  
Robert Dinkel, Omaha  
**Nebraska Pick 5 - \$82,000**  
Richard Beran, Lexington  
**Nebraska Pick 5 - \$927**  
Suol Lam, Lincoln  
Charles Prachensky II, Papillion  
**Nebraska Pick 5 - \$450**  
Kimberly Kriha, Ravenna  
**MyDaY - \$5,052**  
Jan Hawkins, Omaha  
**MyDaY - \$5,011**  
Debbie Martin, Lincoln  
**MyDaY - \$5,000**  
Frank Magana, Lexington  
Katrina Gropp, Lincoln  
Peggy Frech, Syracuse  
Marjorie Cavitt, Grand Island  
**Nebraska Pick 3 - \$3,000**  
Wiliam Cedeno Leon, Madison (x2)  
Mildrey Camejo Pena, Madison (x2)  
Kim Tran, Omaha  
**Nebraska Pick 3 - \$1,800**  
Rocky Moo, Omaha (x2)  
**Nebraska Pick 3 - \$1,350**  
Larry Murry, Bellevue  
**Nebraska Pick 3 - \$1,300**  
Kim Tran, Omaha  
**Nebraska Pick 3 - \$1,200**  
Orestes Barahona, Grand Island  
Laurie Heise, Lincoln  
Steve Reeves, Gothenburg (x2)  
**Nebraska Pick 3 - \$1,051**  
Paul Stacoffe, La Vista  
**Nebraska Pick 3 - \$1,000**  
Michael Tagart, Grand Island (x7)  
**Nebraska Pick 3 - \$950**  
Roxanna Jokela, Omaha  
Brenda Miller, Bellevue  
Colleen Sarvis, Omaha  
Randy Pollock, Bennington  
**Nebraska Pick 3 - \$800**  
Darrell Larabee, Lincoln  
**Nebraska Pick 3 - \$700**  
Shirlene Omer, Lincoln  
**Nebraska Pick 3 - \$600**  
Daniel Rodriguez, Omaha  
Cardell Franks, Omaha  
Valerie Pember, Plattsmouth  
Timothy Schulte, Omaha (x2)  
Ayaz Sikander, Omaha  
Carl Smith, Papillion  
Oleksandr Kolesnikov, Omaha  
Kathy Hug, Omaha

**Nebraska Pick 3 - \$600 (continued)**  
Don Guthard, Lincoln  
7-11-21 - \$2,100  
Larry Klusaw, Omaha  
7-11-21 - \$700  
Angel Lincoln, Loup City  
**Bonus Crossword - \$1,000**  
Christine Antoniaki, Bellevue  
**Bonus Quick 7s - \$15,000**  
Sardis Castaneda, Grand Island  
**Cool Ca\$h - \$40,000**  
Roger Lake, Omaha  
**Doubler Tripler Big Bingo - \$1,000**  
Andrew Nelson, Yutan  
**Flawless Fortune - \$500**  
Yanvel Rubio, Fremont  
Ronak Patel, Crete  
**Fun 5s - \$30,000**  
Louis Worm, Bellevue  
**Hot 7s Super Ticket - \$1,000**  
Julius Gandu, Lincoln  
Kary Nimox, Lincoln  
Kelly Davis, Brainard  
Nick Stewart, Jackson  
Ivan Schuetz, Salem  
**Multiplier Mania - \$100,000**  
Kristi Crabtree, Omaha  
**Multiplier Mania - \$1,000**  
Stephanie Ellis, Iowa City IA  
Alicia Ovalle, Madison  
Dwight Erickson, Lincoln  
Molly Svoboda, LaVista  
Joseph Jacobs, Tekamah  
Toni Fernandez, Cambridge  
Dennis Roun, Cedar Rapids  
David Hackett, Omaha  
**Multiplier Mania - \$500**  
Scott Seelmeyer, Meadow Grove  
**Multiplier Spectacular - \$1,000**  
Stephanie Ellis, Iowa City IA  
Valerie Patterson, Lincoln  
Lucinda Gillette, Omaha  
**Multiplier Spectacular - \$500**  
Andrew Guill, Council Bluffs IA  
**Platinum Crossword Corners - \$50,000**  
Lori Switzer, Walthill  
**Powerball Mega Millions - \$1,000**  
Barbara Thompson, Dalton  
**Red Riches - \$1,000**  
Alicia Jones, Omaha  
**Royal Riches - \$1,000**  
Rachel Bergerhofer, Topeka KS  
John Welchert, Ft Calhoun  
**Scavenger Hunt - \$20,000**  
Adam Scism, Holdrege  
**Scratch Keno - \$5,000**  
Jeremy Ottersberg, Lincoln  
Damma Ullrich, Beatrice  
Angel Lincoln, Loup City  
**Sparkling 7s - \$1,000**  
Monique Kever, Malcolm  
Terry Olinger, Bellevue  
Lynn Torske, North Platte  
**Third and Won - \$1,300**  
Patrick Murphy, Omaha  
**Ultimate Bonus Crossword - \$500**  
Chad Butzke, Lincoln  
**Wild Cherry Crossword - \$1,000**  
Janine Husar, Lincoln

Must be 19 or older to play. Please play responsibly. Nebraska Problem Gambling Help Line: 833-BETOVER (238-6837).

MYDAY TOP  
PRIZE WINNERS  
**635**



MOBILE APP  
bit.ly/16EMVQe

## TICKET TO TUNES

Vegas or Nashville? Get ready to choose your favorite place for live music with the Ticket to Tunes promotion. Starting February 17, purchase a 2by2 ticket and get a voucher to enter online at nelottery.com for your choice of great trips to Las Vegas or Nashville. Enter all your vouchers for one trip or split them up between the two – it's your choice.



## LUCKY FOR LIFE eCOUPON

MVP Club members can get a free Lucky for Life play with the January 2020 eCoupon. Just log in to your account at nelottery.com to print and redeem the eCoupon. It's our way of saying thank you for being an MVP.

## NEBRASKA PICK 5 JACKPOT PROMOTION

Jackpots for Nebraska Pick 5 are growing bigger this spring. During the month of March, the Nebraska Pick 5 jackpot will increase by \$10,000 each time it is not won, up from \$4,000, so the jackpot will grow faster than before. The increased roll amount will only occur during March and will not be a permanent feature of the game.



## BUSTING MYTHS ABOUT TRUCK\$ & BUCK\$

Since 1996, the Nebraska Lottery has given away over 100 trucks to winners in the Truck\$ & Buck\$ Scratch game. But some myths about the game still persist even after 25 years. Here's some facts about Truck\$ & Buck\$ that you might not be aware of.



**MYTH:** Trucks are only won in certain towns.

**FACT:** A truck-winning ticket could be sold at any retailer. All Scratch ticket packs are programmed to contain winning tickets, but no one at the Nebraska Lottery knows where they are placed in the print run. And the distribution of ticket packs is random, so every retailer has the same opportunity to sell a truck-winning ticket.

Even big cities are not guaranteed to sell winning tickets. For example, Omaha retailers overall have sold the most truck-winning tickets, but there were many years where no trucks were won in Omaha at all (1997, 2000, 2002 - 2007, 2010 - 2012, 2014, and 2019). Check out a map of truck-winning towns online at <http://bit.ly/2qjGMXo>.

**MYTH:** Truck winners have to pay taxes on their prize.

**FACT:** Lottery prizes are taxable income, and IRS rules require that federal and state taxes be withheld on prizes over \$5,000. With a merchandise prize like the truck, the withholding is paid by the Nebraska Lottery on the winner's behalf. If the tax withholding was not bundled into the prize, taxes would have to be collected from the winner before they could take home the truck.

**MYTH:** Truck winners have to claim their prize at Nebraska Lottery Headquarters in Lincoln.

**FACT:** Winners can pick up their truck in Lincoln, but we prefer to hold a presentation at the store where the ticket was sold. It saves the winner a trip and gives the retailer some publicity. If you purchase one of the seven truck-winning tickets, sign the back and call the Nebraska Lottery office to start your claim.



**FUN FACT**  
The first generation of Ford F-Series trucks were produced by Ford in North America from 1948 to 1952.