

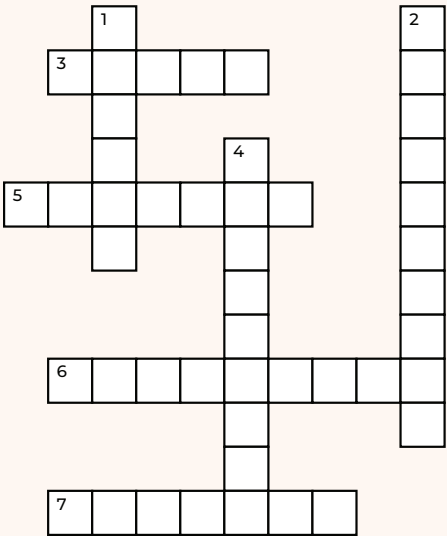
CROSSWORD CONTEST

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 (January 19) 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 coupon for

a free play of each of the seven Lotto games. That’s the equivalent of \$14 worth of free tickets for each word/phrase identified – maximum total prize value \$98.

**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:**
- 3. Nebraska Lottery tickets with a total ____ amount of \$501 or more must be claimed by mail or at a Lottery claim center.
 - 5. The new Holiday ____ Scratch games make perfect gifts for players 19 years or older.
 - 6. A Thanksgiving staple, the recipe for green bean ____ was invented in 1955 for the Campbell Soup Company to promote its canned cream of mushroom soup.
 - 7. The name “Jack-o-____” comes from the reported phenomenon of strange lights flickering over peat bogs.

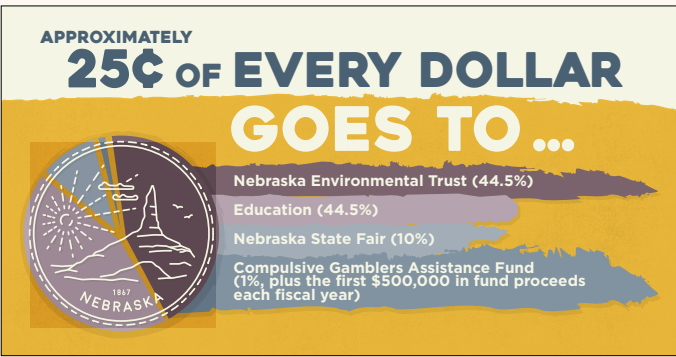
- DOWN:**
- 1. Black ____ has routinely been the busiest shopping day of the year in the United States.
 - 2. While it’s commonly thought that no two ____ are alike, they can be categorized in eight broad classifications and at least 80 individual variants.
 - 4. The plant ____ has long been associated with Christmas as a decoration under which people are expected to kiss.

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. A prize with the same value may be substituted at the lottery’s discretion.

BUILDING A BETTER NEBRASKA



NEBRASKA LOTTERY GROWS SUPPORT FOR BENEFICIARIES

Sales produced by large Powerball® and Mega Millions® jackpots plus strong Scratch ticket sales contributed to the 120th allocation of proceeds to the Nebraska Lottery’s beneficiary funds since the Lottery was established in 1993.

A total of \$15,482,624, derived from a share of Scratch and Lotto ticket sales from the previous three months, was distributed the week of September 29 among the beneficiaries in the following manner:

- Nebraska Education Improvement Fund**, \$6,667,268;
- Nebraska Environmental Trust Fund**, \$6,667,268;
- Nebraska State Fair Support and Improvement Fund**, \$1,498,262; and
- Compulsive Gamblers Assistance Fund**, \$649,826.

The largest quarterly beneficiary transfer occurred in December 2022 when \$15,817,263 was distributed. A total of \$951,748,496 in proceeds has been distributed since the Nebraska Lottery began operation on September 11, 1993.

“We’re happy to make another significant transfer of lottery proceeds to our beneficiary funds,” said Nebraska Lottery Director Brian Rockey. “Each purchase of a Nebraska Lottery ticket supports important work in every part of our state. And as we continue to celebrate our 30th anniversary, we want to express our gratitude to the 1,200 Lottery retailers who have been essential for our success. Together, we are helping to build a better Nebraska.”

Criteria for the use of proceeds are established by the beneficiary funds in accordance with legislative mandates. Visit nelottery.com for additional information on Nebraska Lottery beneficiary funds.



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TRY HOLIDAY CLASSIC GAMES FOR A MERRY AND BRIGHT SEASON

Get ready to have yourself a classic little Christmas with Holiday Classic Scratch games from the Nebraska Lottery.

\$1 Holiday Classic 2X, \$5 Holiday Classic 10X, \$10 Holiday Classic 20X, and \$20X Holiday Classic 50X make gift giving easy. Each Holiday Classic ticket has a To: and From: area on the front for giving. Use a Holiday Classic ticket as a gift tag on a present or wrap some up in a free envelope to make the perfect gift. Just remember to give responsibly and make sure the recipient is at least 19 years old.

Look for the Holiday Classic Scratch games at your favorite Nebraska Lottery retailer. They’ll only be around for a limited time during the holiday season. The Holiday Classics games will close January 19, 2024, unless all the top prizes are claimed earlier. Enter your non-winning Holiday Classics tickets at nelottery.com for a chance to win \$1,000, \$5,000, \$10,000 or \$20,000... and have yourself a classic (and cash-filled) holiday!

WINNING WAYS



IOWA WOMAN CLAIMS THIRD TRUCK\$ & BUCK\$ TRUCK

Jamie Ferguson of Pocahontas, Iowa, is the third winner of a 2023 Ford F-150 XLT 4x4 Crew Cab Flex Fuel truck in the 28th edition of the Nebraska Lottery's \$2 Truck\$ & Buck\$ Scratch game.

Ferguson purchased her winning Truck\$ & Buck\$ ticket at Smoker Friendly #016 at 1325 2nd St. in Kearney.

Her job takes her all around Nebraska and Ferguson was back at her hotel getting ready to order some dinner from a food delivery app when she suddenly remembered the five Truck\$ & Buck\$ Scratch tickets she'd bought a little earlier and started scratching.

"After that I couldn't eat because I was too nervous," she said. "I couldn't sleep all night long, I just kept getting up to make sure it was still there."

For the few nights she had to hang onto the ticket until coming to Lincoln to claim her truck on September 27, Ferguson said she was constantly checking her home safe to make sure it was in there. On Wednesday morning, the day she was claiming her pickup, she set three alarms on her phone to make sure she didn't forget to take the winning ticket out of the safe.

"I checked my purse like four times on the way down here," she said. "It feels good to finally have the truck."

WINNERS

FROM SEPTEMBER 2023

Powerball - \$50,000 Meribeth Kelsey, North Platte Mega Millions - \$10,000 Lizla Matzen, Blair Mega Millions - \$2,500 Mark Kunz, Omaha Kathy Harpole, LaVista Mega Millions - \$2,000 Joseph Klingelhuefer, Amherst Mega Millions - \$1,500 Mishelle Murphy, Norfolk Rocky Bondegard, York John Eggleston, Plattsmouth Mega Millions - \$1,000 Jennifer Ihrke, Papillion Mega Millions - \$800 Ronnie St John, Omaha James Dymond, Hershey Wayne Meyers, Lincoln 2By2 - \$22,000 Carla Hart, Tekamah Angela Williams, Lincoln Nebraska Pick 5 - \$250,000 Ryan Voss, Wood River Nebraska Pick 5 - \$500 Jenny Keck, North Platte Lucinda Gillette, Omaha Scott Miller, Bellevue Linda Montgomery, Minden Loretta Moran, Omaha Scott Peterson, Ceresco David Rabideaux, Omaha Denise Styles, Omaha (x2) Dale Medley, Omaha Kenneth Moore, Lincoln Christopher Filkins, Bellevue Wayne Bailey, Alliance Joanne Lighthill, Omaha Tanyel Johnson, Omaha Mike Hayek, Lincoln James Bemrose, David City Vinh Ngo, Hastings (x2) Larry Jakubowski, Howells Candis Hewitt, Chappell John McDowell, Chadron Aulelica Sta Romana, Plattsmouth Doh Nay Say, Omaha Donna Anderson, North Platte Salvador Savala, Council Bluffs, IA Donald Evans, Bellevue Jose Galvan-Godinez, Lexington Scott Goraczowski, Omaha Brett Hodges, Papillion Karin Gnorewicz, Big Springs Anthony Featherstone, Omaha Hy-Vee, Omaha Lorri Barry, La Vista Sean Lane, La Vista Michael Bailey, Bennington Glenn Hoppes, Lemoyne Anthony Soukup, Omaha John Haddock Jr, Plattsmouth Pamela Prochaska, Kearney Marshall Leiting, Omaha Ronald Wilson, Brule James Hoffman, Omaha Christian Huerta, Omaha Eric Cumming, Omaha Lisa Prime, Omaha Keith Hoagland, Scottsbluff	Nebraska Pick 5 - \$500 cont. Michelle Derry, Omaha Gregory Capos, Omaha Keith Erlenbusch, Aurora Robert Carmichael, Omaha Jairaj Chhetri, Omaha Franklin Wickett, Laurel Victoria Sorenson, Omaha Dale Ruzicke, Alliance Corinne Maglieri, Lincoln Robert Youngs, Omaha Mieczyslaw Meiski, Omaha Chrestien Holton, Omaha Lavonne Weston, Omaha Jorge Esteve, Julesburg, CO Wayne Bell, Omaha Laura Peterson, Plattsmouth Charles Williams, Ashland Eric Cummings, Omaha Kristi Clymer, Papillion Dan Bray, Fremont Patrick Yarusso, Plattsmouth Tammy Seffron, Plattsmouth David Pimpira, Omaha Benito Araizaba, Madison Mary Lou Petrick, Omaha Anita Weiskircher, Omaha Mark Treinen, Lincoln Stacey Elmborg, Omaha Scott Bakhit, Waterloo Sean Song, Omaha Jeanette Vaughn, Omaha Greg Kaplinger, Omaha Ta Lay Kae, Omaha Opal Ervin, Norfolk Dena Dassenbrock, Omaha David Broderson, Omaha Stanley LaSaitis, Omaha Yordanis Acosta, Omaha Margaret Galloway, Bellevue Ricki Hook, Elkhorn Kendall Coleman, Norfolk Grace Wyblet, La Vista Jesse Egan, Blair MyDay - \$5,000 Robert Durand, Omaha Vickie Trapp, Bellevue Mark Fiegelson, Hastings MyDay - \$762 Kathryn Heard, Howells Lucky For Life - \$5,000 Brian Braasch, Rising City Nebraska Pick 3 - \$600 Phyo Kyaw, Omaha Judith Heltter, Lincoln Khal Danh, Lincoln Mar Khin, Omaha (x5) Kendrick Buford, Lincoln (x4) Paula Bishop, Omaha (x10) John Welchen, Omaha Charlene O'Brien, Omaha (x2) Deedie Sanders, Lincoln Sharon Summage, Omaha Mike Tagart, Grand Island (x20) Pamela Zamarrripu, Grand Island Darlene Murry, Bellevue (x5) Patrick Bancroft, Plattsmouth Bruce Benoist, Lincoln (x8) Victor Callahan Jr, Lincoln Diondria Harrison, Omaha (x2) Jennifer Jenneman, Grand Island Carolyn Jackson, Omaha	Nebraska Pick 3 - \$600 cont. Candy Ishii, Omaha Laurie Heise, Lincoln Marshall Leiting, Omaha Juan Vejar Mova, Omaha Jeff Timmermans, Grafton Candis Miller, Gering Michael Schulte, Omaha (x8) Timothy Schulte, Omaha (x5) Michael Scott, Blue Springs Calvin Kirkpatrick, Scottsbluff Towanda Marks, Bellevue (x2) Jerry Mitchell, Lincoln Xochitl Boughtin, Crete (x3) David Brewer, Papillion Robert Reyes, Omaha (x2) Leroy Kile Jr, Hastings Jeff Svoboda, Lincoln Nen Nguyen, Lincoln (x2) Michael Moore, Omaha Ywal Koe, Omaha Khin Mar Cho, Omaha (x5) Donald Hall, Lincoln (x4) Mona Baker, Grand Island William Carlile, Bayard (x6) Patrick Thit, Omaha (x5) Jason Glosano, Lincoln (x5) Scott Goraczowski, Omaha Vatsana Chanhara, Lincoln Earl Howard, Bellevue (x4) Kenneth Schneider, Ulysses (x11) Dustin Clark, Lincoln (x5) Marnita Walter, Fremont James Wimsatt, Norfolk Donald Hobza, Omaha Karl Epinger, Omaha (x5) Jose Gomez, Grand Island (x3) John Welchen, Omaha Mi Reh, Omaha Van Pacl, Wahoo Tam Mac, Omaha Thomas Tryon, Omaha (x2) Mary Jane, Sigorbe, Omaha (x2) Lavonda Peterson, Bellevue Carlita Meek, Omaha (x2) Ronita Guyton, Lincoln Douglas Johnson, Cozad Hien Nguyen, Lincoln My Huong Nguyen, Lincoln Kyaw San, Omaha (x5) Taw Thoo, Lincoln Rita Hautzenroder, Walton Mercedes Mathews, Elkhorn (x2) Deborah Marion, Omaha Marina Lemon, Omaha Denise Arnett, Grand Island Darrold Feighner, Falls City (x2) Jose Borrel, Grand Island Barbara Martin, Omaha (x2) Daniel Franzluebbbers, West Point (x8) Randy Beck, Randolph (x3) Steve Sheppersen, Lincoln Kay Tain, Omaha (x5) Nga Reh, Omaha Steven Walker, Omaha Short Stop, Madison La Maung, Omaha (x15) Salvador Savala, Council Bluffs, IA Garrett Lightbody, Omaha Andrew Luong, Omaha Hoang Uong, Lincoln (x2)	Nebraska Pick 3 - \$600 cont. Jeffrey McCaskill, Lincoln Sah Lah, Omaha (x2) Norma Goodteacher, Lincoln (x2) LaVell Fly, Lincoln (x3) Tony Auliker, Omaha Joshua Lucas, Papillion Teretha Flowers, Omaha Robyn Streeter, Grand Island Waldemar Velazquez, Lincoln David Kraegel, Lincoln Darlene Holmes, Beatrice Khaing Kyaw, Omaha (x3) Diamond Dollars - \$300,000 Dean Schultz, Seward Diamond Dollars - \$1,000 Ryan Lara, Lexington David McDowell, North Platte Wolf Run - \$100,000 Sergey Nastin, Lincoln Ruby Red 7s - \$100,000 Kate Schondelmeyer, Council Bluffs, IA Trucks & Bucks - Truck Jamie Ferguson, Pocahontas, IA Trucks & Bucks - \$500 Fuel Card Abdi Andrade, Omaha 10x The Cash - \$50,000 Jovana Mendoza, Lincoln 10x The Cash - \$1,000 Ahsha Goodwill, Sutton Living Lucky With Luke Combs - \$50,000 Kolten Barth, Hastings 20x Bingo Multiplier - \$50,000 Michael Janik, Council Bluffs, IA 20x Bingo Multiplier - \$1,500 Jonathan Guenther, Lincoln 20x Bingo Multiplier - \$1,000 Corey Haynes, Omaha Heather Dobias, Creighton Power 7s - \$47,777 Jeffrey Saddler, South Beloit, IL Powers 7s - \$777 Drew Trenery, Lincoln Malcolm Tears, Bellevue Melonee Plantenga, Beatrice Sugar Skull Cash - \$30,000 Tina Gregory, Duncan Mystery Multiplier - \$20,000 Nathan Bailey, Avoca Mystery Multiplier - \$1,000 Zachary Poltack, North Platte Aaron Beacom, Grand Island Jan Sygal, David City 7-11-21 - \$7,777 Robert Lynch, Ogallala \$100,000 Crossword Explosion - \$1,000 Terry Barth, Lincoln Lucky Symbols Loteria - \$1,000 Yoelvi Bombino Vazquez, Crete 50x The Cash - \$1,000 Kelley Hall, New Orleans, LA Karl Rosenkranz, Lincoln Bill Swartzendruber, Bellevue Totally 80s Prize Lines - \$1,000 Natalie Nichols, Omaha Lady Luck- \$500 Charlie Schluckebier, Palisade Win \$50, \$100 or \$500 - \$500 Kendall Coleman, Norfolk
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Must be 19 or older to play. Free problem gambling help for Nebraskans at problemgambling.nebraska.gov

Truck\$ & Buck\$
Winners
135

MOBILE APP
bit.ly/16EMVQe

FUN FACT
The song "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas" was written for the 1944 MGM musical *Meet Me in St. Louis*.

PROMOTIONS



HOLIDAY CLASSIC SECOND-CHANCE PROMOTION

Enter non-winning Holiday Classic Scratch tickets for a chance to win \$1,000, \$5,000, \$10,000 or \$20,000... and have yourself a classic (and cash-filled) holiday! Tickets can be entered at nelottery.com using an MVP Club account between October 16, 2023, and January 3, 2024, and one drawing will be held on January 4, 2024, to select the winners.

TWICE AS NICE SOCIAL MEDIA GIVEAWAY

Got a friend who loves Nebraska Lottery Scratch tickets? Then enter our Twice as Nice Giveaway on Facebook November 21 - 30! You could be one of five winners of \$100 in Nebraska Lottery Holiday Classic Scratch tickets... AND another \$100 in Nebraska Lottery Holiday Classic Scratch tickets for your friend! Go to facebook.com/nebraskalottery to enter.



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