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## Tin <br> Grand Prize Drawings make six millionaires

It may be just a song to some, but six Texans wished upon a star and became millionaires this summer, thanks to Lone Star Millionaire.

How did wishing on a star turn into a million dollars? By purchasing the Lottery's Lone Star Millionaire \$1 instant game, players had the chance to scratch and win instant cash prizes. But, if their scratching uncovered a star symbol on their ticket, players earned the opportunity to enter the drawing for a chance to win $\$ 1$ million.

Six Grand Prize Drawings were held all across Texas throughout the summer, and seven finalists were randomly chosen for each drawing from approximately 100,000 tickets that were mailed to the Lottery for each drawing

At each drawing, the seven finalists selected were eligible to win the top prize of $\$ 1$ million, but all finalists walked away with a prize. While one finalist won the Grand Prize, the six remaining finalists at each Drawing took home cash prizes ranging from $\$ 10,000$ to $\$ 50,000$.

The Lottery's first Grand Prize Drawing was held in South Padre Island, and Robert Vice of Magnolia won the $\$ 1$ million top prize.


> Grand Prize Drawing emcee Sonny Melendrez introduces the seven finalists during the first drawing at South Padre Island on July 31.

"The Grand Prize Drawings were a huge success," said Grand Prize Drawing Coordinator Brenda Flores. "We were just amazed at not only the enthusiasm players showed in mailing in their tickets, but also the excitement that the drawings generated in each city we visited."

The Lottery conducted Grand Prize Drawings in South Padre Island, El Paso, Lubbock, San Antonio, and two in Dallas in conjunction with the Texas State Fair. The drawings may be over, but there are still plenty of great cash prizes still available.


## Winning Stories from around the State

Lots of folks take home some pretty nice prize checks. Here are a few of their stories.

Rosalia Pena
For Rosalia Pena of George West, a recent trip to the beauty shop turned into a beautiful experience! She stopped and bought a Bonanza Bucks ticket, and while sitting in the bame. After scratching off the 'Beat the game. After scratching off beat the she assumed that her ticket was not a winner. she assumed that her ticket was not a winner.,
However, she scratched off the 'Match Up' section and found three boots! Rosalia then asked her beautician to check if she had actually just won $\$ 500$, and her beautician said yes! Rosalias good fortune wasn't over just yet, as she uncovered another $\$ 500$ winner in the ' $7-11$ ' section. Rosalia left the beauty shop looking good and feeling great!

Virgil Hall
Talk about good things coming to those who wait! For Virgil Hall of Bedford, his wai turned into a $\$ 690$ Cash 5 winning discovery Virgil purchased his Cash 5 ticket recently, bu he waited a week before checking the numbers Virgil says he plans to invest his winnings in retirement fund!

Carlo Salvato
When something works, stick with it That seems to be the motto for Rosebud's Carlo Salvato. Carlo is a regular player, and winner, of Pick 3 and he's made many trips to the Waco Claim Center just to pick up hi Pick 3 winnings. Since the Fall of 1996, the

More Buck\$ 'N Truck\$ winners

There's another lucky Texan driving a brand new Dodge Ram 1550 pick-up, thanks to the Daniel Diaz of Mission (seen here at the McAllen claim center with his wife Rebecca, center, and Lottery representative Hilda Garcia, right) became the first Buck\$ ' $N$ Truck\$ winners from the Rio Grande Valley when Mr. Diaz purchased the winning ticket on July 11. On Father's Day, Amanda Pacheco of Corpus Christi found herself holding a Buck $\$$ $N$ rucks winning ticke. Athough she won the truck, she plans on giving her prize to he latest edition to the quickly growing list of latest edition to the quickly gro
Buck\$ N Truck\$ top prize winners!
The Special Edition Dodge Ram is loaded with great features like a 318 -cubic inch V8 engine, 4 -speed automatic transmission, forged aluminum wheels, air conditioning, power windows and locks, tachometer, AM/FM stereo with CD and cassette players, and a

leather-wrapped steering wheel.
While more than half of the original 50 trucks are still up for grabs, at $\$ 2$ per ticket, Buck ' $N$ Truck $\$$ also offers $\$ 50$ million in cash add your story to the growing list of winners? Play Buck\$ N Truck\$ today!

Waco center has paid Carlo more than $\$ 15,000$ in prizes! Congratulations on all your good fortune, Carlo, and the Waco office looks forward to your next visit!

Sharon Melton
Playing Cash 5 has paid off for Cantons Sharon Melton. She's made four trips to the Tyler Claim Center to collect her winnings after matching 4 of 5 numbers on four separate occasions! She's won amounts of $\$ 832$, $\$ 615, \$ 700$, and $\$ 1,217$. Sharon continues to play Cash 5 , and now she has a goal of making a future trip to Tyler with a winning 5 of 5 ticker!

## Kenneth Dunaway

Although the date on the calendar read "13," it was a lucky day for Kenneth Dunaway of Dimmitt! Stopping at his favorite place to buy Texas Lottery tickets on June 13, Kenneth asked the clerk if anyone had yet claimed the $\$ 1,000$-top prize in Lucky 7 s'. The clerk answered, "No, not yet," so Kenneth purchased a Lucky 7's ticket and started scratching. Almost instantly the clerk starting yelling, "You won, you won!" When Kenneth asked the clerk how he knew he ticket was a easy, your eyes got REALLY big!"

Dorothy Herring
Ever heard the expression, "You have to spend money to make money?" Well, Corpus Christi's Dorothy Herring is living proof that a small expense can turn into a big reward. On March 24, Dorothy stopped at her favorite retailer to purchase some lottery tickets when she discovered the store was conducting a promotion. The store was giving away one free Lotto Texas Quick Pick ticket with a purchase of $\$ 5$ or more of Cash 5 tickets. Dorothy decided she'd spend her $\$ 5$ on Cash 5 to get a free Lotto Texas ticket, and it matched 5 of 5 in Cash 5 and walked away with a $\$ 65,591$ jackpot!

Gary Callicoat
For Gary Callicoat of Whitesboro, a Pick 3 purchase has turned into an unexpected windfall. He won $\$ 580$ by playing Pick 3 on May his prizes. Whatever he decides, he says he'll certainly enjoy his winnings!

Emmett and Mallory Neal
The Lubbock Claim Center looks forward to monthly visits from Emmett and Mallory Neal. The Lubbock couple are regular lottery players, and at the end of each month they bing in all of their winning tickets along with he proper paperwork to collect their winIngs! In June, they broke their own recordLotto Texas tickets, nine Texas Million tickets, 10 Cash 5 tickets and 289 scratch-off tickets. When the winnings were totaled, the Neals walked away with $\$ 3,061$ ! This inn't the first time the Neals have experienced the thrill of winning big. In May 1993, Emmett won a $\$ 10.8$ million jackpot by playing Lotto Texas!

## John Zachary

A little detour turned into a bigger payday recently for Waco's John Zachary. John 21 to claim his $\$ 893$ prize fer 5 to clair in Cash 5 but his driver's license had expired. Since current ID is required to claim any prize at the Claim Center, he headed home to pick up his birth certificate in order to claim his winnings. However, on the way he decided he was feeling lucky. He stopped and bought himself a $\$ 2$ Lucky 73 scratch-off ticket. He scratched the ticket and found he was holding a $\$ 200$ winner! So he redeemed the ticket at the store, picked up his birth certificate at his home, then returned to Cash 5 check for $\$ 893$ !

## Winners



This information is provided in response to requests from players. Statistics represent all drawings from 6/1/98 through 8/15/98.
\$1,000-27 prizes remain!
Other prizes remaining:
\$500-65
\$100-279
$\$ 40-10,179$
(as of August 15,1998 )

Luis Villanueva
Abilene
\$1,000
Lucky 7's
Lillic McDanicl
Ft. Worth
$\$ 690$
Cush 5

## Olen Franks Brownwood $\$ 558$ Cash 5

## Walter Raabe

 Muldoon\$1,024
Cash 5

Velia Cernota San Antonio $\$ 873$ Cash 5

Sandra Atkins Sweetwater $\$ 685$
Cash 5

Ignacio Torres Cleburne \$1,000 Whole Enchilada

Mary McDaniel Whitesboro $\$ 1,000$
Lucky 7's

Deanna Davis
Eastland $\$ 3,000$
Break the Bank

Robert Dews
Orange
\$1,000
Lucky 7's

