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NEWS RELEASE

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Beulah Woman Wins \$552,098 Wild Card 2 Jackpot

BISMARCK – On Wednesday, Georgia Blotsky, along with her family, made the trip to Bismarck to meet Lady Luck and claim the \$552,098 jackpot she won in Saturday's Wild Card 2 drawing.

Georgia said that she found out she won the jackpot on Sunday morning when her husband, Leo, checked her tickets. "I couldn't believe I won. I had him check the numbers again and again to make sure it was true."

The Blotskys' two daughters, who had a difficult time believing that Mom won the jackpot, participated in the excitement at the Lottery headquarters in Bismarck. For their daughters, seeing was believing.

It has been a very lucky summer for the Blotskys as they discovered that lightening can strike twice. In August, Lady Luck also found Leo, who won a \$5,000 prize playing Wild Card 2.

Both winning tickets were purchased at the Farmers Union Oil in Beulah. This is the second Wild Card 2 jackpot that was won at this retailer. A jackpot worth \$588,954 was won on March 1, 2006.

The Blotskys plan to use the prize money to pay bills and save some for a rainy day.

Lottery director Chuck Keller is appreciative of players' support of the North Dakota lottery. "We are pleased to see that North Dakota Lottery players are winning many of the Wild Card 2 jackpots. It is nice to see good things happen to good North Dakota people," said Keller.

Four states – North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana, and Idaho – participate in the Wild Card 2 game. North Dakota Lottery players have won six of the last nine Wild Card 2 jackpots and won eighty-eight \$5,000 prizes – totaling over \$2.5 million in prizes going to North Dakota Lottery players.

Since the Lottery was introduced to North Dakota, players have won over \$23 million and more than \$19 million has been raised to support state programs. To learn more about the Lottery, visit the website at www.lottery.nd.gov.

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