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Streak of big-winning Powerball tickets beats the odds - Powerball ticket worth \$200,000 sold in Currituck County - - Powerball jackpot jumps to \$180 million, Mega Millions to \$99 million -

RALEIGH – A Powerball ticket sold at The Border Station in **Moyock** in Currituck County carries a \$200,000 prize from Wednesday's drawing, marking the sixth time since June when a person playing the N.C. Education lottery has beat the odds to win a big prize playing Powerball.

The six big wins, ranging from \$200,000 to \$1 million, have come during the 10 Powerball drawings held in July and so far in August. In each case, the ticket matched all five of the white balls but not the Power Ball. The odds of a player matching all five white balls are 1 in 5 million.

Two Power Play prizes of \$1 million were claimed by players from Kannapolis and Greensboro. Players who buy \$2 Power Play tickets win \$1 million automatically when their numbers match the five white balls. Two of the \$200,000 prizes were claimed by winners from Mooresville and Swannanoa. The other two \$200,000 tickets sold in Moyock and Asheville have yet to be claimed. Players have 180 days from the drawing to claim their prizes.

Three additional tickets from Wednesday's drawing matched four white balls and the Power Ball and are worth \$10,000. The tickets were sold in **Smithfield, High Point** and **Arden** in Buncombe County. Overall, players won 44,479 prizes from \$3 to \$200,000 for a total payout of \$468,407.

Since no one matched all six numbers in Wednesday's drawing, the jackpot for Saturday's Powerball drawing is estimated at \$180 million if taken as an annuity, or \$100.3 million if taken as a lump sum. The jackpot has rolled since the July 2 drawing after a player in Georgia matched all six numbers in the June 29 drawing and won the \$77.1 million jackpot. The last jackpot to exceed the \$180 million mark occurred in the June 1 drawing when a group of 20 Costco employees from New York matched all six numbers and split the \$201.9 million prize.

In Tuesday's Mega Millions drawing, 12,550 players won prizes of \$2 to \$10,000 for a total payout of \$106,917. Because no ticket matched all six numbers, the estimated jackpot for Friday's drawing is \$99 million if taken as an annuity, or \$66 million if the lump sum option is chosen.

Players have collected more than \$4.6 million in instant scratch-off ticket prizes since Monday, Aug. 1. Carolina Pick 3 players have won more than \$982,000. Carolina Pick 4 players have won more than \$239,000 including eight tickets that won the top prize of \$5,000. Carolina Cash 5 players have won more than \$82,000.

Winners in the Aug. 3 Powerball drawing:

<u>Winner</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Amount Won</u>	<u>Store Where Ticket Was Purchased</u>
Unknown	Unknown	\$200,000	The Border Station 101 Caratoke Highway, Moyock
Unknown	Unknown	\$10,000	The Spot 836 W. Market St., Smithfield
Unknown	Unknown	\$10,000	Circle K #1510 4050 River Pointe Place, High Point
Unknown	Unknown	\$10,000	Market Center Express 3715 Sweeten Creek Rd., Arden

Winner in the Aug. 2 Mega Millions drawing:

<u>Winner</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Amount Won</u>	<u>Store Where Ticket Was Purchased</u>
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Unknown

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\$10,000

Coliseum Family Fare #185
2036 Gillespie St., Fayetteville

Instant scratch-off ticket top tier prize winners:

<u>Winner</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Amount Won</u>	<u>Game Played</u>
William Upchurch	Raleigh	\$50,000	Diamond Mine
Justin Walker	Thomasville	\$10,000	Cash Spectacular
Cassie Wester	Louisburg	\$10,000	\$200 Million Extravaganza
Cynthia Allen	Four Oaks	\$5,000	\$200 Million Extravaganza
Pamela Brown	Graham	\$5,000	\$200 Million Extravaganza
Andrew Campbell	Wilmington	\$5,000	\$200,000 a Year for Life
Brenda Coley-Heath	McLeansville	\$5,000	\$500,000 Anniversary Cash
Mary Dickens	Jackson	\$5,000	\$200 Million Extravaganza
William Johnson	Clayton	\$5,000	\$200 Million Extravaganza
Thomas Traczyk	Gastonia	\$5,000	\$200 Million Extravaganza

Carolina Cash 5 Jackpot Winners Tally	
<u>Prize</u>	<u># of winners</u>
\$50,000 to \$856,998	413
Powerball Winners Tally	
<u>Prize</u>	<u># of winners</u>
\$74.5 Million - \$141.4 Million	3
\$200,000 - \$2 Million	211
\$10,000 - \$100,000	1211
Mega Millions Winners Tally	
<u>Prize</u>	<u># of winners</u>
\$12 Million and above	1
\$250,000 - \$1 Million	28
\$10,000 - \$40,000	110
<i>The Powerball numbers are since May 31, 2006.</i>	
<i>The Mega Millions numbers are since Feb. 1.</i>	
<i>The totals do not include unclaimed prizes.</i>	

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North Carolina Education Lottery net proceeds are used for pre-kindergarten programs for at-risk four-year-olds, reduction of class size in early grades, school construction and need-based college scholarships.

For prizes of \$5,000 and greater, 25% federal tax and 7% state tax are automatically withheld.