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TEAM ROPER LASSOS \$100,000 TOP PRIZE WITH SINGLE *DALLAS COWBOYS* SCRATCH-OFF TICKET

(Austin) – When Robert Wheeler of Bandera stopped at the local Super S Foods, he received \$5 in change, just enough to buy a single *Dallas Cowboys* ticket. That scratch-off could take him all the way to Las Vegas next month, but he's not necessarily going for the casinos or the shows.

“The machine was there between the counter and the door, so I put that \$5 in,” said Wheeler. “I went out to my truck and scratched the ticket. When I saw that \$100,000, I knew right away. I said, ‘I’m taking a vacation.’”



The 51st Wrangler National Finals Rodeo will be held December 3-12 in Las Vegas, and Wheeler, a team roper himself, says he'll use part of his winnings to attend. He also plans to start a college fund for his grandson.

Wheeler purchased his *Dallas Cowboys* ticket from the Super S Foods #302 located at 907 N. Main in Bandera. The ticket revealed the seventh \$100,000 prize in the Texas Lottery® scratch-off game. Six top prizes remain unclaimed, and overall odds to win any cash prize are one in 3.85, including break-even prizes.

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“We always remind our players to enjoy the *Games of Texas* responsibly, and Mr. Wheeler’s experience proves once again that it only takes one ticket to win,” said Texas Lottery Commission Deputy Executive Director Gary Grief.

Tomorrow’s *Mega Millions*® jackpot is an estimated \$17 million. Wednesday’s *Lotto Texas*® jackpot is an estimated \$11 million.

For more information about the Texas Lottery, please visit the official Web site at <http://www.txlottery.org>.

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