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Mansfield Winner First To Collect Top-Prize From Lottery's First \$30 Scratch Game

(Austin, December 23) - Today, the Texas Lottery® welcomed the first top-prize winner for the *Holiday Millions Wishes* scratch-off game. Bear Creek Custom Homes, L.L.C., of Mansfield, claimed the \$2 million prize.

The ticket was purchased at the Classic Minute Market located at 4098 I-20 East in Willowpark. The retail owner is eligible to receive a bonus of \$10,000 for selling the top-prize winning ticket.

"*Holiday Millions Wishes* is the first \$30 instant ticket the Texas Lottery has ever released," said Executive Director Reagan E. Greer. "It has been tremendously popular among our players, accounting for more than \$31 million in sales since its release in October. In fact, last week's instant ticket sales overall were nearly \$1.9 million, or 3.5 percent, higher than the previous week, and \$11.9 million, or 26.9 percent, higher than the same week in 2003."

As of today, there are still three more \$2 million grand prizes unclaimed. *Holiday Million Wishes* also has cash prizes of \$20,000, \$2,000, \$500, \$300, \$100, \$70, \$40 and \$30.

The winner has requested minimum publicity.

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