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Cash 5 Ticket Worth More Than \$500,000 Sold in Columbia County

Middletown – One jackpot-winning Cash 5 ticket worth more than \$500,000 from the Feb. 21 drawing was sold at Food Express, 1545 W. Front St., Berwick, Columbia County.

The ticket correctly matched all five balls, 12-25-28-38-41, to win a jackpot of \$500,131.50, less 25 percent federal withholding.

The retailer will receive a \$5,000 bonus for selling the winning ticket.

Lottery officials cannot confirm the identity of the winner until the prize is claimed and the ticket is validated. Cash 5 winners have one year from the drawing date to claim prizes.

The Lottery encourages the holder of the winning ticket to sign the back of the ticket, call the Lottery at 717-702-8146 and file a claim at Lottery headquarters in Middletown, Dauphin County, or at any of Lottery's seven area offices.

Claims may be filed at headquarters Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at area offices.

In the 2010-11 fiscal year, in addition to awarding nearly \$12.6 million in prizes to Columbia County winners, the Pennsylvania Lottery contributed nearly \$6.6 million to programs serving Columbia County's older residents.

How to play Cash 5: To play Cash 5, players pay \$1 and select five numbers from 1 to 43. Players may select their own numbers using a Cash 5 playslip, or they may opt for computer-selected quick picks. Players must match all five numbers drawn to win the jackpot. Players also win prizes for matching two, three or four winning numbers. Cash 5 drawings are held seven nights a week, and tickets can be purchased up to seven draws (one week) in advance. Odds of winning the jackpot prize are 1-in-962,598; the overall odds of winning any prize are about 1-in-10.5.

About the Pennsylvania Lottery: The Pennsylvania Lottery remains the only state lottery that designates all its proceeds to programs that benefit older residents. Since its inception in 1971, the Pennsylvania Lottery has contributed

nearly \$21.5 billion to programs that include property tax and rent rebates; free transit and reduced-fare shared rides; the low-cost prescription drug programs PACE and PACENET; long-term living services; and the 52 Area Agencies on Aging, including full- and part-time senior centers throughout the state. The Pennsylvania Lottery reminds its players to play responsibly. Players must be 18 or older. For more information, visit www.palottery.com, log in to Facebook and like us at www.facebook.com/palottery or follow us at www.twitter.com/palottery.

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