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TWO WILD CARD 2 JACKPOT WINNERS IN ONE NIGHT

It was a busy night for Lady Luck and a very lucky night for two winning Wild Card 2 ticket holders. The winning tickets, drawn on Wednesday, February 3, matched all five white balls and the Wild Card to win the jackpot, worth \$384,884. The prize is split between the two winners, making each ticket worth \$192,442.

Both tickets were claimed at lottery headquarters this afternoon. Joe Jongeward of Valley City claimed his ticket and was still in disbelief. "This is a gift from God," said Joe. "We will pay off some bills and I'll probably get a new set of golf clubs." Joe also made the comment that his wife, Sandra, could use a different car, so that would probably be on the shopping list. "My wife and I are simple people and we choose to live a simple life. Not much will change," said Joe. The winning ticket was purchased at Brothers III Sports in Valley City.

The second winner, who purchased the ticket at Lakota Cenex in Lakota, chose to remain anonymous but left a parting comment. "I will probably pay off a few bills and put the rest into savings for when I need it later."

With the latest double-winning tickets, North Dakota Lottery players won eleven Wild Card 2 jackpots for a combined prize amount of \$4,988,884. The two previous Wild Card 2 jackpots, also won in North Dakota, were a \$1.6 million winner from Grafton, won on November 25 and a \$125,000 jackpot, shared by three players from Steele, which was won on April 4. Wild Card 2 is a multi-state game and is played in North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana and Idaho.

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