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POULTNEY RESIDENT WINS GRAND PRIZE AT LOTTERY EVENT

Poultney, VT, November 15, 2011 -- Twenty-five lucky lottery finalists gathered in South Burlington today for a suspenseful drawing featuring a brand new 2012 Chevrolet Silverado Z170 as the Grand Prize.

Darren Ward was the top winner of the \$42,000 Silverado at the special 'Trucktober' Giveaway sponsored by the Vermont Lottery at Shearer Chevrolet. Twenty-four other winners walked away with monetary prizes of \$250, \$500 or \$1,000. The finalists pre-qualified for the contest in an earlier drawing held on November 8th.

The Trucktober drawing was held to celebrate the lottery's new self-serve 'WinStations' which represent the latest in vending machine automation. The new vending machines went live in approximately 100 locations over the last two weeks, and as of today all WinStations are selling tickets. The new machines include all of the favorite online drawing games - Powerball, Megabucks Plus, Mega Millions, Hot Lotto, Weekly Grand Extra, Pick 3 and Pick 4 - as well as a variety of instant scratch tickets.

"We hope the convenient new WinStations will make it easier for players to buy their Vermont Lottery tickets, and hopefully attract new players to join the fun," stated Executive Director Alan Yandow.

Grand prize winner Darren Ward, winning the Silverado was a dream come true. "I am very excited about winning this truck!" he said with delight.

Vermont lottery games are sold at nearly 700 locations. All profits are used to support the Vermont Education Fund. Last year, more than \$21 million in proceeds went to the Education Fund, and lottery agents statewide earned more than \$5 million in sales commissions. Lottery officials encourage everyone to play responsibly. For more information visit:

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