

'Fortune Hunter' could win big

Local woman gets chance at TV lottery

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WOODSTOCK — A gourmet dinner followed by a night in a luxury hotel in Chicago, an appearance on television, plus the chance to win \$100,000.

All that is in store for rural Woodstock resident Denise Goad, who can be seen in the first \$100,000 Fortune Hunt game show at 6:30 p.m. Saturday on WGN-TV.

Goad, 26, has had a week of excitement preparing for her TV debut.

"I was so surprised at first when someone from the lottery called to say I was a winner. I thought it was a joke. But then a letter came confirming the plans for the television game," says Goad.

She said the ticket was purchased in Woodstock and when the covering was scratched off three television sets were revealed.

"I didn't know what that meant. Was I going to win a new TV? So I read the back of the ticket and the lottery people instructed that the ticket be sent to Springfield for a later chance of winning money and prizes," says Goad.

She explained that these tickets were all thrown in a big barrel and six of them were randomly picked out to play the new \$100,000 Fortune Hunt. One of them was her's.

"When the lottery people called to notify me that I was a finalist for the new game show, I could



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Denise Goad looks through clothes at Bergner's to wear on the TV game show.

hardly believe it. It still doesn't seem real," Goad said.

But she knows it is not a dream now. Because she has been contacted by Illinois State Lottery officials and by the producer of the WGN-TV show.

She says this win worked out at a good time. Goad is a dental assistant whose boss was on vacation, so she could take some time off for shopping.

She and her husband, Jim, have two daughters, Kirby, 6, and four-year-old Jessica.

Goad said that as one of the six contestants she is a guaranteed winner of \$1,000.

"One of us six will have the chance to win the \$100,000 prize.

I'm very nervous. We also have the chance to win a 1990 car and other prizes," she says.

The dinner, the overnight accommodations and the limo to the television studio are all provided free to Goad, the only female player in Saturday night's premiere show.

The other five players include a man from Missouri, one from Wisconsin and three from Illinois.

Prior to the taping of the program, 12 more tickets will be pulled at random and the persons named on them will have the chance to play along at home with the six contestants.

Hosts of the game show are actor-opera singer Jeff Coopwood

and Linda Kollmeyer, a model, dancer and actress.

The players also have the chance to lose everything, with the exception of the guaranteed \$1,000.

If they get a "wipe-out" panel on the board, they are eliminated from the game. If they get a "bankrupt" panel then they go back to the beginning and if they pick a "double" piece on the gameboard, their winnings double.

Decision time comes when at the end of five rounds the player with the most money has a chance on a new car, a luxury vacation or to continue for a bonus round and the \$100,000.