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Arlington woman claims \$5.6 million Megabucks jackpot



(Madison)— Priscilla Hollis stopped for bananas. She wound up taking home a lot of bread.

Hollis is Wisconsin's newest Lottery millionaire.

The Arlington resident had the only winning jackpot ticket in the Wisconsin Lottery's April 25th \$5.6 million Megabucks lotto drawing. Today she and her husband Jim spoke with reporters at a Lottery news conference at Kwik Trip, 6325 Pepsi Way, Windsor, where she bought her winning ticket.

Hollis said they stopped at the store for gas and bananas. "I just love bananas," she said. Before leaving she decided to buy a \$2 Megabucks quick pick ticket, which turned out to be the \$5.6 million winner.

When she realized she had the winning jackpot ticket this past Sunday morning she said, "I told Jim that we won and then I started crying." Jim Hollis piped in, "And I told her to stop crying and to start smiling."

There was a lot of smiling today.

Hollis has chosen to take the \$5.6 million jackpot's one-time, lump sum cash payment of \$3.4 million. She will receive approximately \$2.4 million after taxes.

"I really don't know what we're going to do next," Hollis told reporters. "This is all so new, and this is so much money, it's going to take awhile before it seems real."

Priscilla and Jim are both retired. Married for 40 years, Jim joked that now she "can't leave him for a rich man." Priscilla shot back, "Maybe for a younger one, though."

Kwik Trip, which sold that \$5.6 million jackpot ticket receives \$100,000 from the Lottery. Lottery retailers who sell winning tickets with prizes of \$600 or more earn the equivalent of 2% of the prize, up to a maximum of \$100,000.

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The Hollis jackpot is the first Megabucks jackpot won in 2009 and the 66th won since the game began in 1992. The last Megabucks jackpot, a \$9.1 million prize, was won in November 2008 by three friends in Sheboygan.

Megabucks is a jackpot game played only in Wisconsin, with drawings every Wednesday and Saturday. Jackpots begin at \$1 million and grow based on sales. Players receive two plays for \$1 and win the jackpot by matching the six winning numbers drawn. The odds of winning the Megabucks jackpot are 1:7 million.