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\$4.1 million Megabucks winner says “It’s been like a dream.”



(Madison) —Jerry Nelson of Holmen plays the Wisconsin Lottery’s Megabucks jackpot game just about every week. Although he has imagined what it would be like to win, now that he actually has won, it turns out the real thing is even better than he dreamed.

“I’ve spent the last few days worried that I would wake up to find that it all wasn’t true,” Nelson told reporters today at a news conference in Holmen, where he was introduced as the Lottery’s newest Megabucks millionaire. “Even now I’m not sure it has really sunk in.”

Nelson matched all six winning numbers in the Lottery’s \$4.1 million Megabucks drawing on October 27. He has until late December to decide whether to take the \$4.1 million paid out over 25 years, or the jackpot’s single lump sum cash value of \$2.26 million.

“I’m retired, so there’s no rush,” Nelson said.

Nelson retired from the Trane Corp. about six years ago. He joked that his wife Kathy, who joined him at today’s news conference at the Kwik Trip store where he bought the winning ticket, retired from a local Holmen company “about two days ago.”

The Nelsons said they will use some of the jackpot money for a 40th anniversary trip to Europe next year, but their top priority is to continue to assist their son who has serious health problems stemming from a liver transplant and a crippling motorcycle accident.

“When I realized we had won, the first thing I thought of was that our son Chris wouldn’t have to worry about his medical bills anymore,” Nelson said today. “We feel very lucky he’s still with us, and now we feel blessed that he can get whatever medical care he needs.”

Lottery retailers who sell winning tickets with prizes of \$600 or more earn the equivalent of 2% of the prize value, up to a maximum of \$100,000. For selling Nelson’s winning ticket, Kwik Trip earns a commission of \$82,000 from the Lottery. The company’s John McHugh attended today’s news conference and accepted the commission check from Lottery Director Mike Edmonds.