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Good friends enjoy good luck in Sheboygan

November 8th \$9.1 million Megabucks winners meet the press



(Madison) — Car trouble brought them together. The Lottery kept them that way. And now three friends are celebrating as the state's newest millionaires.

Richard Duening, Barbara Knauf and Curtis Lienau of Sheboygan met the press today at Duening's Sheboygan body shop to discuss the \$9.1 million jackpot they won in the Wisconsin Lottery's Megabucks game November 8th.

Duening and Lienau are life-long fishing buddies who were playing the lottery together--\$10 a week a piece—when Knauf walked into the body shop one day five years ago and overheard their lottery discussions. She asked if she could get in the game and the three have been playing together ever since.

“My husband's been laughing at me, telling me I'm crazy and that I might as well just throw the money down the sewer,” Knauf said today. “Well, he's not laughing any more.”

The three chose the jackpot's \$5.1 million lump sum cash pay out. After taxes they will each receive \$1,169,120.

“It's overwhelming,” said Duening. “It still hasn't sunk in, I don't think.”

They bought their winning Megabucks jackpot ticket at the nearby Q Mart at 2420 Calumet Drive. For selling the ticket, Q Mart earns \$100,000. Wisconsin Lottery retailers who sell winning tickets with prizes of \$600 or more earn the equivalent of 2% of the prize, up to a maximum commission of \$100,000. Q Mart rewarded all of its employees with gas cards and also gave cash bonuses to the Calumet Drive staff.

As for the jackpot winners, no grand plans. At least not yet.

“It's just good to know we can take care of our families and feel a little more financially secure in these tough economic times,” Knauf said.