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Two new lottery millionaires in Alberta

There's nothing like finding yourself a million dollars richer before noon, as two Albertans recently found out for themselves. Wilbert Beaugard of Rimbey won \$1 million on the December 23 LOTTO 6/49 draw. Jacob Oleksow of Whitecourt won \$1 million on a SCRATCH 'N WIN ticket.

Beaugard discovered his windfall while he was making his breakfast, but he wasn't convinced he was even awake.

"I thought I was dreaming," he laughed. "I just kept thinking I was going to wake up."

Beaugard bought his \$10 LOTTO 6/49 ticket from Rimbey Gas 'N' Splash at 4630 50 Avenue. He won because one of the five guaranteed prize selections drawn on December 23 was within the range printed on his ticket. The winning selection was 36653762-02.

Jacob Oleksow found out he was a lottery millionaire on Christmas morning. The Whitecourt resident had bought himself a PLAYER'S CHOICE MEGA PACK a couple of days before, while he finished his Christmas shopping.

The PLAYER'S CHOICE MEGA PACK contains 10 tickets, including one called WESTERN MILLIONS. When Oleskew scratched that ticket, he was shocked to see a \$1 million prize amount.

"I couldn't believe it," he remembered. "I was shaking."

Despite their initial disbelief, both new millionaires have started thinking about what to do with their windfalls. Beaugard plans to put some of his prize toward his grandchildren's education, and he's considering a trip to Australia. Oleksow said he'll pay bills; he's also thinking about travel, but hasn't settled on a destination.

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