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## **A Christmas surprise in March – Calgary couple wins \$7M on DAILY GRAND!**

*“We’re just starting out in life; we can really invest in our future!”*

Meghan Petaske and Cody Rudiger were stunned to find out they had been sitting on a \$7 million lottery windfall for the last few months.

The couple is basking in the glow of a top prize win from a DAILY GRAND ticket they had received as a holiday gift!

“Every year my mom puts together Christmas baskets with lottery tickets and other stuff for all of the siblings,” Petaske explained while claiming the prize in St. Albert. “There’s five of us so it could have gone to any one of us!”

“When we checked the ticket at the store, we weren’t sure how much we had actually won,” she continued. “We had to get a printout and put the commas in in the right places – we couldn’t believe it!”

The winners said they are making long-term plans for their windfall: “We can’t get over the wonderful timing,” said Petaske. “We’re just starting out in life, and we’ll be able to pay off student loans and really invest in our future.”

“It’s emotional for me,” she continued. “I never thought I would own a house and now... well, it’s a reality now!”

Rudiger agreed: “We’re both pretty financially responsible,” he explained. “We don’t want to get 10 years down the road and all the money’s gone!”

“This really is helping us to find freedom, though,” he continued. “The possibilities are endless!”

It’s not all about responsibility and investing for the young winners; the couple also has some fun ideas in mind.

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“We talked about travelling in the past,” said Rudiger. “Greece, Spain, all through Europe would be amazing.”

The couple said they also plan to share some of the winnings with their families and give back to their community.

Petaske’s mother purchased the winning ticket from The Shoppers Drug Mart at 171-31 Southridge Drive in Okotoks. She bought the ticket as part of a \$20 Triple Pack.

Triple Packs are an excellent way to try out three popular games all at once! A \$20 Triple Pack comes with one DAILY GRAND ticket with two quick pick selections, one LOTTO MAX ticket with three quick pick selections, and one LOTTO 6/49 ticket with two quick pick selections. Each ticket comes with one EXTRA entered. Triple Packs are available at all Lotto Spot retail locations!

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