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Lady Luck Shines on Leoti Resident

TOPEKA, KAN. – Yesterday was an extremely lucky day for Misti Grandstaff. Earlier in the afternoon, the Leoti resident purchased a variety of Kansas Lottery instant scratch tickets, winning a total of \$106. Since she was on a winning streak, she bought another \$20 worth, winning \$20. Feeling Lady Luck on her side, Grandstaff decided to buy a \$20 Casino Game Book with her \$20 winnings and boy, she was glad she did. Grandstaff revealed a Royal Flush playing the 5 Card Draw game, winning a top prize of \$100,000!

“I didn’t scratch my Casino Game Book ticket until later in the evening,” said Grandstaff. “I bought the ticket, went grocery shopping and fixed dinner for my family before I finally scratched it. I’m not familiar with poker, so when I scratched the 5 Card Draw game, I wasn’t sure if I had revealed a Straight Flush or a Royal Flush. I showed my husband Robert the ticket and he assured me I had a Royal Flush which meant I had won \$100,000. I couldn’t believe it. I immediately started crying.”

Still not sure of her big win, Grandstaff went back to the store where she purchased her ticket to have it verified.

“When Ben, the store clerk, told me I had to claim my ticket at the Lottery, I knew it was \$100,000,” said Grandstaff. “I called my mom right away and was crying so hard she couldn’t understand what I was saying and thought something was wrong with my kids.”

“I made it to her house in a matter of minutes,” said Tracy Montoya, Grandstaff’s mom who accompanied her daughter to Topeka. “I thought something terrible had happened. When she told me she had won \$100,000 on the Casino Game Book, I couldn’t believe it. I had bought the two tickets before her.”

Due to the excitement of the win, everyone agreed they weren’t going to be able to sleep, so Grandstaff and her husband, along with her mom and dad made an overnight trip to Lottery headquarters in Topeka to claim the prize.

“Before leaving town, we stopped by the Sheriff’s department to have my ticket checked,” said Grandstaff. “I just wanted to make sure it was real. Of course, they didn’t know what to do, so we went ahead and drove to Topeka. We arrived at 4 a.m. and took naps until the Lottery office opened at 8 a.m. It’s been a crazy 12 hours.”

Grandstaff and her husband Robert, who have been married eight years, have three children ages 6, 4 and 2. They plan to purchase a home and a newer vehicle with their winnings.

“Thank you, Kansas Lottery,” said Grandstaff. “This has been a true blessing for my family.”

The lucky ticket was purchased at Presto 1611, located at 410 East K St. in Leoti.

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