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Livingston man claims $1 million

Livingston resident Tom Halfhill instantly became a millionaire when he bought and scratched as an Illinois Lottery Millionaire ticket and won a top prize of $1 million. Today, Illinois Lottery officials presented him a large ceremonial check for $1 million and rate his big win.

When Halfhill bought the Millionaire instant ticket, he had a feeling he should. “I treated myself to four tickets because I really thought I was going to win something on this game,” he was in the store then and bought a Millionaire ticket. Halfhill did not win a prize on the first four tickets but quickly scratched his last ticket and used the Lottery self-scan ticket scanner to check it. The message “He is a winner” appeared on the screen and Halfhill was overjoyed, it’s saying something about winning. Halfhill said to the clerk. “If ever I win, I will do it again.”

Halfhill, 56, plans to invest the winnings in the stock market as a financial advisor. “I hope to retire in the next few years,” he said.

The winning ticket was purchased at Circle K, 121 Seib Smith St., Maryville. The retail establishment was presented a ceremonial check for $100,000, equal to 1 percent of the prize amount, their house for selling the winning ticket.

Millionaire is a $10 instant ticket with a top prize of $1 million. Some of the Millionaire prizes have not been claimed. For more information, please visit illinoislottery.com.

Tom Halfhill of Livingston shows off a mockup of the $1 million check he received after winning the Illinois Lottery.

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In December, Illinois Lottery officials presented them a large ceremonial check for $1 million. The event was part of the Illinois Lottery Millionaire program. The event was attended by more than 500 people.

The Illinois Lottery Millionaire program is designed to reward Illinois residents who purchase Lottery tickets and win a prize of $1 million or more. The program awards a $1 million prize to the first person who wins $1 million or more in a single Lottery game.

The Illinois Lottery Millionaire program has awarded more than $50 million in prize money since its inception in 1985. The program has helped raise more than $1 billion for education and the state's public education system.

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