

KELLETT’S KORNER

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Kellett’s Korner, located in the heart of Mauldin, is a place most locals have heard of or regularly visit. They have been in business for 69 years, opening their doors in 1953, and owned by two brothers Tommy and Jimmy Kellett.

It is not just a convenience store, they serve up delicious food at Tommy’s Snack Bar and have a full service auto repair and maintenance center. Kellett’s Korner has been with us from the very beginning.

Robby, Tommy’s son, runs the store alongside many dedicated employees who all treat their customers like family. A big part of their lottery success comes from the employees who know their customers by name.

Some of the employees at Kellett’s Korner have been with them for a remarkable 30 years, so customers always see a familiar, friendly face.

The clerks who sell lottery make it a point to educate themselves and learn about all of our games. They are always available to help customers with any questions and provide a better understanding of various games. They take pride in what they do and have built a substantial customer base of lottery players.

To keep sales up they make sure lottery dispensers are always stocked full of tickets and they do a great job keeping up with their inventory. Any time new tickets come out they make room to face and sell them, giving their customers the newest products available. On any given day, there will be lottery players, many of them regulars that know the staff by name, lined up to purchase lottery and cash in their winning tickets.

Robby says “one of the biggest things I believe helps with sales and makes customers happy is always offering to pay out \$500 in cash, or really any amount, we are always prepared to pay out.”

Next time you find yourself in the Mauldin area, stop in to Kellett’s Korner and you will see why so many people love this place!



Robby Kellett

SC man wins the Lottery twice in 48 hours

June 14, 2017

A Little River man checked his Powerball ticket and won \$100,000. The next day he realized he had a second ticket and won another \$100,000.

He bought both tickets at the Food Lion #2112 on Hwy. 9 in Longs. He is thrilled with his two wins totaling \$200,000 off a combination of numbers he says he’s played for years.

His wife didn’t believe him when he told her about the first \$100,000 prize. “You’re lying,” she said.

“No, I’ve got five of these six numbers,” he promised.

He waited until they were in the car on the way to the Claims Center to tell her about the second win.

“Wouldn’t it be great if we know the other people that won,” she said.

“You’re looking at that winner,” he said laughing. “The other ticket’s on the dash.”

NEW GAMES:

Tuesday, July 5
\$2 – Win It All
\$5 – Triple Play
\$10 – Red Cherry Tripler

Tuesday, July 26
\$1 – Tic Tac Bonus
\$2 – Tic Tac Bonus
\$5 – Palmetto Cash 5
\$10 – Money Mania Extra Play

TICKET ALERTS:

LAST DAY TO SELL
Wed., July 13: Win Big (#1317) & \$100, \$200 or \$300 (#1360)

LAST DAY TO RETURN
Fri., July 1: The Big \$pin (#1327), The Big \$pin (#1329), Hit \$50 (#1340) & Cash Drop (#1341)
Fri., July 8: Loteria (#1312)
Fri., July 22: Ca\$h In! (#1347), \$200,000 Bonus Bucks (#1352) & Carolina Riches (#1363)

LAST DAY TO REDEEM
Tues., July 12: 5 Times Lucky (#1283), Giant Jumbo Bucks (#1305), Jumbo Bucks (#1306), \$1,000,000 Bonus Match (#1338), Happy Pawladays! (#1339), Crossword Multiplier (#1343) & Stacks of Money (#1346)
Tues., July 19: Win It All (#1336)
Tues., July 26: Money Match Multiplier (#1353) & Instant Jackpot (#1355)

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“CONGRATULATIONS, YOU’RE A WINNER”

JOIN US FOR A LOOK BACK AT SOME OF THE UNFORGETTABLE WINNER’S STORIES THAT MADE HEADLINES THESE LAST 20 YEARS.

‘IT’S A BEAUTIFUL DAY’ FOR SC POWERBALL JACKPOT WINNER

August 25, 2009

Solomon Jackson Jr. is your typical South Carolinian. He cuts his own grass, cheers for the Atlanta Braves and appreciates a good deal.

“If you are going to find me, you are going to find me in Walmart,” Jackson said. “Usually I go to the station there to save three cents on gas.”

While filling up at the Murphy USA #7057 on Garners Ferry Rd. in Columbia, the retired state revenue employee decided to support education and buy a single, quick pick Powerball ticket with PowerPlay.

Hitting the \$259.9 million Powerball jackpot was just a bonus.

When Jackson cashed in the winning ticket to become South Carolina’s 6th Powerball



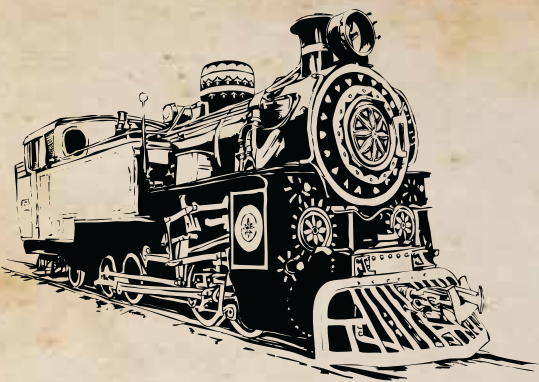
Solomon Jackson Jr.

jackpot winner, the Columbia native joked he wasted that extra dollar on PowerPlay. He announced to the crowd gathered at the Lottery’s Claims Center, “It’s a beautiful day in South Carolina. It’s a beautiful day for education.”

“Somebody’s going to be blessed for me getting this blessing,” Jackson said. “Education is the key. We’ve got to do something for education. If you can support education and win, you get a double blessing.”

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Train delay leads to million dollar win

January 19, 2011

An Orangeburg woman’s trip home stalled when she spotted an approaching train. She pulled over at a convenience store to wait for the train to pass. Bored, she went inside the Quick Store where an orange *Carolina Millionaires Club* ticket caught her eye.

The winner told lottery officials she stood alone outside the store scratching the ticket. Shaking, she ran inside the store to show the clerk the result. He confirmed her ticket was a winner.

The train delay helped make her a millionaire.

“If it wasn’t for that train, I would have headed straight home,” she shared.

The winner, who did not want to release her name, admitted she didn’t know exactly what she was going to do with \$1 million. A new car or a house are among the possibilities to consider she acknowledged.

“I’m trying not to let this overwhelm me,” the millionaire said. “I’m so happy.”

HOMELESS SC MAN WINS \$200,000

October 18, 2012

A winning lottery ticket is giving a Greenville man a fresh start.

The winner, who did not wish to be identified, told lottery officials he’s using the \$200,000 he won on a \$10 scratch-off ticket to take care of himself and his family.

“This will put me where I need to be,” he stated.

The gentleman has lived in Greenville his whole life and used to work construction jobs in the area. Hard times hit, and he’s been living at a rescue mission. He’s not ashamed

to admit he needed help, he’s just grateful the shelter was there to help.

“I went into the rescue mission to get my life together,” he said.

The winner told lottery officials he bought the lucky ticket at Simons Liquors Inc. on W. Washington St. He screamed, jumped, and smiled when he saw the two followed by five zeroes. He sat up all night admiring the ticket. His brother drove him to Columbia in the morning to collect the prize.

“I’m getting my own place,” the winner said.

Winner of a \$1.5 billion Mega Millions jackpot in SC finally comes forward



Himanshi Patel and Jignesh Patel

March 4, 2019

More than four months after a \$1.5 billion Mega Millions jackpot winning ticket was sold in the Upstate, a South Carolina resident has stepped forward to claim it. The Upstate player won on October 23, 2018, and has chosen to remain anonymous.

The winner of the largest jackpot in United States history has opted for the up-front, one-time cash payout of \$877,784,124.

The winner marvels at how every decision made that day brought the winner to the KC Mart in Simpsonville, at that very moment, to make the quick pick Mega Millions lottery ticket purchase. The winner even allowed a fellow customer to make a Mega Millions lottery ticket purchase in front of the winner while in line at the store. A simple act of kindness led to an amazing outcome.

Cab Owner Strikes Lottery Luck Twice



Nina Kaur & Kenny Singh

November 8, 2012

A Myrtle Beach businesswoman has won \$200,000 for the second time playing the Lottery at Al’s Food Mart on Hwy 15.

Nina Kaur will once again invest the win in her business and 50 employees.

The Lottery first met the owner of Diamond Cab last November when she won \$200,000 off a scratch-off. Nina used the winnings to start Diamond Med Transport, which carries Myrtle Beach patients to hospitals, dialysis centers and

doctor’s appointments.

The Lottery learned of the new business this week, when Nina and Diamond Cab’s Manager Kenny Singh showed up with another \$200,000 winning ticket. The two are dividing the prize. Nina, with the lucky touch, was the one that scratched the *Go for the Gold* ticket.

“This is too much,” she said describing how it feels to win \$200,000 not once, but twice in 12 months.

Her husband Robbie Kaur isn’t surprised she did it again. “She’s lucky,” he said.

Just like the first time she won, Nina and Robbie are taking the winnings and expanding their business. Diamond Med Transport currently employees nine but can now afford to buy more cars and hire more drivers.

“We are bringing more jobs to the community,” said Robbie. “We are proud of what we have been able to do.”

Lottery winner does not tell wife

August 6, 2012

A Cross resident won \$500,000 playing the Lottery and has yet to mention it to his wife.

The winner told lottery officials he left his wife sleeping in bed to drive to Columbia to cash in his winning Palmetto to Cash 5 ticket he bought at the BD Food Mart in Cross. He plans to be home by lunch time to surprise her.

How will she react to the news? “There is no telling,” he said.

The half-a-million dollars will pay off the couple’s house and buy both new vehicles.

Plans that should bring a smile to her face and keep her husband out of trouble. “I’m her prize now,” he joked.

Lost ticket found after four month search

March 31, 2015

After months of searching, a Colleton County man found his lost \$200,000 lottery ticket.

“I’m so relieved,” he told lottery officials when he cashed in the winning ticket.

He says he bought the *Carolina Red* scratch-off in November at Sonny’s Sunoco on Bells Hwy. in Walterboro. The happy moment turned sour, when he reached in his pocket for the ticket and it was gone.

Devastated, he went through his trash, searched outside on the ground, and tore his house apart, but there was no sign of the winning ticket.

“I felt stupid,” he said.

But, he never gave up looking, and four months later found the ticket hidden in his bedroom.

Initially he’d planned to pay off some bills with the prize money, but after everything he went through has decided to use the winnings to help his brother, his sister and his church.

He’ll keep working, but says if he’s lucky enough to ever win again he’ll take the day off from work to immediately claim the prize.

“I’ve learned a very good lesson,” he said. “Don’t put things off.”

TICKET ALMOST TRASH



Carson Minick

November 23, 2010

Carson Minick almost threw away \$200,000. The Johnston man scratched a *Right on the Money* ticket, decided he didn’t win and tossed the ticket down in his truck’s floor board.

“It was trash,” he said. “But I thought I’d better take one more look.” The second effort revealed \$200,000.

“I couldn’t think then, and I still can’t think now,” Minick told the lottery when he cashed-in the ticket from the Ehrhardt Speed Stop in Ehrhart.

After 33 years in the construction business, Minick’s first purchase will be his home. The father of five, and grandfather to 15, has been thinking about buying his house for a while but didn’t know how he would swing it.

“My first call will be to my landlord,” he said.



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