

Wilsey Realty office wins \$50,000 Powerball prize



John Cooke/Special to the CAPE MAY STAR AND WAVE

Twelve employees and friends of the Wilsey Realty office on Lafayette Street in Cape May will share \$50,000 they won in the Powerball drawing, whose grand prize was \$1.6 billion.

had won a million dollars," Cookie Wilsey said.

The sisters realized about 11:30 p.m. the night of the drawing they might have a winning ticket. Together, they drove in their pajamas to the Wilsey Realty office where the tickets were kept.

"We started texting the others in our group around 1 a.m. Thursday morning and they thought we were joking," Gail Wilsey said.

They had matched up the purchased ticket with the published numbers from the drawing earlier in the evening. Their winning ticket was estimated to be worth \$50,000. Divided by the 12 participants, each will get about \$4,000.

"It was like having a real estate closing without the big dance," said Barry Bruno, an agent at the office.

A ticket sold in Atlantic County and a ticket sold in Ocean County are worth \$100,000 each. The ticket in Atlantic County was sold at KK Gift and Grocery on Ventnor Avenue in Atlantic City. The ticket in Ocean County was sold at Fischer Bay Exxon in Toms River.

The Wilsey group's ticket had 4 of 5 numbers plus the Powerball. If they had matched one more number, the group would have had a share in the \$1.6 billion

jackpot. The winners of the world-record jackpot overcame staggering odds of 1 in 292.2 million to land on all the numbers: 4-8-19-27-34 and Powerball 10.

Three other tickets in the \$50,000 category were sold in New Jersey. A winning ticket was sold at the Wawa on English Creek Avenue in Egg Harbor Township; another was sold at the Arctic General Store on Arctic Avenue in Atlantic City.

Gail Wilsey and Pam

Barsdy personally drove the winning ticket to Trenton for verification and confirmation Thursday. She said checks would be mailed to the participating winners in two to three weeks.

"We feel extremely blessed to be so fortunate to have won," said Gail Wilsey, owner of the agency.

Sluk said he believed a big winner was due anytime in Cape May County.

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CAPE MAY — Twelve employees and friends of the Wilsey Realty office on Lafayette Street shared a winning \$50,000 Powerball ticket purchased at West Side Market in West Cape May.

Cookie Wilsey, who bought the group's Powerball ticket, said the group purchased 60 tickets with the pooled \$120 they collected. Described as the office's good-luck charm by her sister Gail, Cookie Wilsey was sent to West Side Market on Broadway at 4 p.m. Jan. 12. Westside

Market owner Patrick Sluk sold the ticket.

"I was incredibly happy that a winning ticket was sold locally here in Cape May," he said. "For a while, sales at the Powerball machine out-paced sales in the market."

"For about 10 minutes, we were not sure if we

DRBA, FAA partner to conduct field research at county airport

ERMA — The Federal Aviation Administration's William J. Hughes Technical Center in Egg Harbor Township began rehabilitating a decommissioned taxiway at the Cape May County Airport that will serve as a field research test bed for advanced aviation-related technologies. Construction began in November and is expected to be completed in August.

"We are absolutely excited to be in a position to partner with the FAA Technical Center to support such important field testing and research that will have national implications for airport safety," said Stephen D. Williams, director of Airport Operations for the Delaware River and Bay Authority (DRBA). "The Cape May County Airport will also realize the benefits of the rehabilitated Taxiway C pavement, which will be available to airport users when it's not in use for testing."

The FAA Airport Technology Research and Development Team (FAA ATRD) will use the area as a research test bed for airport safety-related initiatives and plans to rehabilitate more than 3,200 feet of Taxiway C between Runway 10-28 and Taxiway B. The systems will follow FAA standards and be modified to meet the needs of the FAA ATRD. The taxiway design also permits other airport safety and pavement research.

The FAA William J. Hughes Technical Center is the nation's leading laboratory for research, development, test, evaluation and in-service management for air transportation systems.

"By using this type of field test, we are operationally validating test results from our laboratories," said Shelley Yak, acting director of the Technical Center. "The Cape May County Airport's close proximity to the FAA Technical Center makes it an ideal test facility to conduct this type of field research."



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In 2011, the FAA ATRD entered into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the DRBA, granting the FAA the "right to construct, operate and maintain research infrastructure" at Cape May County Airport in Erma. The agreement with the FAA allows FAA ATRD to rehabilitate former Taxiway C at the airport that was decommissioned in 2002.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Philadelphia District Office, is managing the construction project.

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