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Minneola Mans Wins $25,000.00 In The Kansas Lottery

As a dealer at Boot Hill Casino in Dodge City, Timothy Facklam isn't allowed to play poker at the casino. However, he can play the Kansas Lottery's poker games, and he did just that! The Minneola resident purchased a $5 World Series of Poker instant scratch game last week, winning a $25,000 top prize.

"I couldn't believe I won," said Facklam. "I'm not that lucky."

Luck must have been on Facklam's side when he purchased his winning ticket.

"Since I can't play poker at work, this game caught my eye," explained Facklam. "I work the 11 p.m. – 7 a.m. shift, so when I get off work I occasionally buy a lottery ticket. When I realized I had won $25,000, I went back to the store and asked the clerk to check it for me."

According to Facklam, it didn't take long for his good news to travel in the small town of Minneola.

"One of the store owners was there when I had my ticket checked," said Facklam. "She was very happy for me and told a group of coffee drinkers that people really do win at her store. Before I knew it the entire town knew."

Facklam claimed his $25,000 winning ticket at the Kansas Lottery's Great Bend office today after holding onto it for a week.

"I signed the back of my ticket as soon as I knew how much I had won," said Facklam. "I made sure I kept it with me at all times."

Facklam and his wife Stephanie, who are expecting twins in January, also have three school-aged children. They planned to pay bills with their winnings.

The winning ticket was purchased at Corner Store, located at 101 S. Oak

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