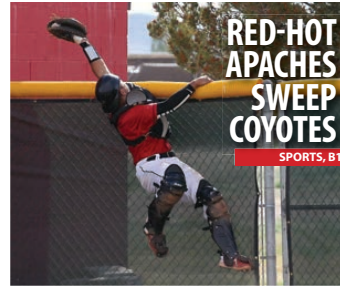


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WINNERS CIRCLE

Local man wins car in mega raffle

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It was April 1, April Fools' Day, when Ellis Baucom, Jr., was driving home from Tucson and received a phone call.

Imagine his surprise when Ellis learned he was one of the major prize winners in the Tucson Medical Center Mega Raffle, winning a brand-new Toyota Camry and \$8,000 to pay the tax on the prize.



Ellis Baucom, Jr.

"I thought it was something to do with April Fools'," Ellis said Monday. "I thought somebody was trying to pull my leg."

Baucom, Jr., has been a resident of Sierra Vista since 1998, retiring from the Army 2004 while he was stationed at Fort Huachuca. He was working on Unmanned Aerial Systems while serving in the military and has continued working with that technology for the Department of the Army Civilian.

Ellis said he purchased three tickets in the Mega Raffle and

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was one of more than 2,000 winners of prizes.

Proceeds from the raffle benefit the Tucson Medical Center Two grand prize winners were announced after the drawing last Wednesday, with one winning a new home — or equivalent cash — and the second winning a new motorhome, or equivalent cash.

Baucom, Jr., said he purchased his tickets online and is in the process of filling out forms and completing the necessary tax information before he will receive his vehicle.

He currently drives a pickup truck and a motorcycle. He wasn't certain whether he would be allowed to choose the color of his new vehicle.

Cheryl Thomas-Stahl of Tucson was the grand prize winner of the A.F. Sterling home or \$600,000 cash. She is a nurse practitioner and neo-natal specialist for a Tucson medical group. Winner of the Newmar Bay Star motorhome or \$150,000 is Briana Koroscil, 33, an Oro Valley native and owner of Halo Hair Studio. Both winners are choosing to take the cash option.

Some of the other top prizes winners that were notified include:

■ Deon Harrison of Tucson, a local chef and restaurant owner won the 2015 Ford F150 plus \$14,000.

■ Martin Kinsley of Yuma, a retired director of biomedical engineering won the 2015 Lincoln MKC plus \$13,000.

■ Tiffany Delmonaco of Tucson and her husband won the 2015 Mini Cooper Convertible.

■ Marilyn Maier of Lake Havasu City won the 2015 Ford Mustang Coupe plus \$11,000.