

Elk Hunt Raffle Winner Announced

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Retired TransAlta Centralia Generation employee Steve Hanson won this year's 2015 Centralia College Foundation Elk Hunt Raffle drawing.

Hanson will be able to hunt on TransAlta land for a single bull elk, three point minimum, during the upcoming Washington department of Fish and Wildlife modern rifle hunting season.

The drawing began five years ago after TransAlta employee Dave Sherwood died while elk hunting in East Lewis County. To remember Sherwood and his love for hunting, TransAlta now offers an annual Elk Hunt Raffle. The proceeds go toward a Centralia College Foundation scholarship in Sherwood's name.

The successful raffle has created a Dave Sherwood Endowment with past and future proceeds that will continue to grow into a sustainable source of scholarships for the college, according to a press release.

The winning ticket was drawn on Aug. 3 at the Centralia College Foundation office. In all, 354 tickets were sold, garnering a total of \$8,850 to be split between a 2015-16 scholarship and the endowment.

Tickets for the raffle were sold at the plant, at the Centralia College Foundation office, and at business outlets throughout Lewis, Thurston, and Cowlitz counties. Late archery or late muzzleloader hunters were also included in the raffle.

"I am grateful that so many students will benefit from the proceeds in his memory," said Sherwood's brother, Rob Sherwood, in a press release.