

New Harrah City Manager  
embraces community

Harrah School Board promotes Hairell

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A native of Sallisaw, Clayton Lucas graduated with a degree in urban planning from Fresno State University and then went on to Penn. State to earn a master's degree in public administration

He started his career as a city planner before serving as a police officer for eight years. He returned to city planning around 2010, and was hired by Harrah when Earl Burson retired in 2018.

"It's an exciting time to be in Harrah. Obviously, I'm new and have only been here about six months. With the turnpike coming in there's a lot going on in Harrah. It's always a challenge to keep your rates low, while providing quality

service to your citizens. We have been fortunate with sales tax continuing to climb. People are shopping in Harrah, and the population is growing," said Lucas.



Clayton Lucas

Harrah High School Assistant Principal David Hairell was recently approved at the February monthly Harrah School Board meeting to serve as HHS Principal for the remainder of the 2018-19 school year replacing Kenneth Riddle.

Riddle recently resigned from his post at the helm of HHS.

Former Special Education Director Julie Wolffrum was also approved to serve in that category again for the remainder of the school year. She had been a special education teacher at Harrah Middle school since the beginning of the school year.

Other administrators approved for the 2019-20 school year included James Werchan, Middle School Principal; Diana Hilburn, Middle School Vice Principal; Mike McAfee, Russell Babb Principal; Cheryl Hessman, Clara Reynolds Principal, Tifani Patrick, Virginia Smith Principal and Guy Worth, athletic director.



Additionally, Tim Craig was rehired as Director of Transportation and Matt Shimanek as Maintenance Director. The board also approved the change of Kara Kinnamon from substitute to paraprofessional.

No personnel action was taken in regard to administration posts at Harrah High School for next year.

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