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## **Middle Republican Natural Resources District**

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### **New Curtis Resident to Join Middle Republican NRD Staff**

Curtis—Roger Lawson of Alliance, NE joined the Middle Republican NRD staff during the last week of February, replacing Kara Gall, the outgoing Information and Education Coordinator for the office. Lawson, for now, will pick up where Kara Gall left off, resuming the many programs and projects she had successfully coordinated during her time here. Though, Lawson does have many new ideas, he will implement them gradually, giving current programs and projects priority.

Lawson worked for the Nebraska Prairie Partners, a unique partnership between the Rocky Mountain Bird Observatory and the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, as their Shortgrass Prairie Conservation Education Coordinator since August of 2005. During that time, he coordinated teacher training, wrote grants that supported conservation education in the panhandle and worked regularly with two of the three NRD's that are represented in the panhandle.

Lawson also worked at the Kellogg Environmental Center as an Environmental Education Coordinator for the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection for 15 years. During that time, he provided a variety of outdoor science programs for grades 3 –12, teacher training in environmental education and volunteer wildlife monitoring programs.

"I am looking forward to settling into Curtis, taking on the new challenges of this position, and working with a staff that is dedicated to natural resource conservation. It's always been very important to me that the nature of my work makes a difference in the world. This position and this office provides me that opportunity", says Lawson.

For information about up coming education and conservation programs, please contact Roger Lawson at the MRNRD office at 800-873-5613 or 308-367-4281 or check us out online at [www//mnrnd.org/index.html](http://www//mnrnd.org/index.html)