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Gary Kirk was recently promoted to

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executive vice president and chief financial officer at BluCurrent. In addition to being responsible for treasury management, accounting functions, facilities and asset liability management, Kirk will now oversee the IT department for the credit union. Kirk joined the credit union in 2004. Kirk obtained a bachelor's degree in finance from Missouri State University and in 2010 graduated from CUNA Management School in Fort Worth, Texas.

Metropolitan National Bank

Metropolitan National Bank announced that Doug Simkins, Beverly Ikerd and Eric Schmidt have joined the Metropolitan Credit Review Group. Simkins, assistant vice president, credit review supervisor, received a bachelor's degree in accounting from

Missouri State University and brings nine years of credit analysis experience to the position. Ikerd, credit analyst, brings 31 years of experience in the financial industry to her new position, with over 11 years spent with Metropolitan National Bank. Schmidt, credit analyst, also brings a strong credit analysis background to the position and holds a Master's of Business Administration from Missouri State University.

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Matthew Blackwell was recently hired as a staff accountant with

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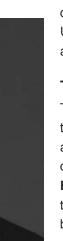
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The Whitlock Company

The Whitlock Company recently announced two staff accountants received promotions and one staff accountant obtained a certification. Melinda Thurman and Josh Beaird were promoted from staff accountant to senior accountant. Thurman has a bachelor's degree in accounting from MSU and Beaird has a bachelor's degree in accounting and Master's of Accountancy from MSU. Staff accountant Chelsey Dollarhide recently obtained a certified public accountant designation. Dollarhide has a Bachelor's of Business Administration degree from Drury University.

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accounting for about six years.

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