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United Community Advisory Services Welcomes LPL Financial Advisor Alex Neal

BLUE RIDGE, Ga. – July 27, 2020 – United Community Advisory Services is pleased to announce the addition of Alex Neal to its team. Neal will now assist clients in the Blue Ridge and McCaysville areas with investments, insurance and retirement planning.

“Alex is a great addition to the United Community Advisory Services team,” said Melissa Ekeberg, Program Manager for United Community Advisory Services. “He is deeply committed to his community and takes pride in crafting financial plans to best fit his client’s needs. I look forward to watching him succeed.”



Neal began his career as a Financial Advisor with Edward Jones Investments, where he achieved his Series 7 and Series 66 licenses. Prior to joining United, Neal worked for South State Bank. He is a graduate of Truett-McConnell College in Cleveland, Georgia.

“I was attracted to the banking industry because of the opportunity to make a meaningful difference in people’s lives,” said Neal. “With their customer-oriented approach, United Community Bank has consistently earned the trust of this community. I am proud to join them and grow my career with such a service-oriented organization.”

Neal was raised in Bartow County and has resided in Ellijay since 2013. He is heavily involved in the community, having been a member of the Gilmer County Chamber of Commerce and the Oak Bowery Lodge. He is also active with the Rotary Club of Pickens County and a graduate of Leadership Gilmer. Neal and his wife Caitlin have two pets, Ellie and Mochi.

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