



Ryan Deal

Deal Selected for Lead Role in *Old Deuteronomy*

Statesville's Ryan Deal has been chosen for the lead male role "Old Deuteronomy" in the sole national touring company of the Broadway hit *Cats*. The production of Andrew Lloyd Weber's masterpiece opens in Orlando, Fla., July 25 and will continue on tour until July of 2005. A stop in Raleigh is planned for October 12-17. Tickets are available at any Ticketron outlet.

turing music from Broadway, the concert stage and timeless favorites June 17 at First Baptist Church on Davie Avenue in Statesville. The concert begins at 7:30 p.m. and a free-will offering will be received at the door following the program. Jane Pardue will be accompanist.

Beverly Deal of Statesville. He studied voice with Dan Pardue for four years and piano with Jane Pardue for eight. In 2000, he entered the University of North Carolina at Greensboro on the Farrow Voice Scholarship, awarded to only one vocal performance major per class. His collegiate coach was Nancy Walker.

Greater Statesville Rotary Club Music Competition. He also won the NATS competition for Art Songs among college freshmen males, the competition for Musical Theatre among college males of any age, and the 2002 Festival of Music scholarship. Since 2002 he has actively pursued a career in musical theatre with professional engagements in summer theatre productions.

Before the tour, Deal will return to Statesville to present a concert fea-

Deal is the son of Frank and

Book Signing

The Iredell County Public Library local history room will feature a presentation and book signing by North Carolina author Perry Deane Young Sunday, May 16 at 3 p.m. at the library auditorium. Young will sign and speak on his recent books *The Untold Story of Frankie Silver* and *Our Young Family*. Attendance is free and is sponsored by the Friends of the Library and the Iredell County Public Library Local History Department.

In his freshman year, he won the Best Overall College Musical Theatre Vocalist Award at the Mid-Atlantic Regional level of National Association of Teachers of Singing, as well as the 2000

"What would life be like if we had no courage to attempt anything."

-Vincent Van Gogh



DEAR MS. CLEO:

My daughter is completing kindergarten and I cannot tell you how thrilled my husband and I have been with her teachers and the school. We want to get presents for the end of the year for all of her teachers and wonder if you have any suggestions. I have been in some local craft stores and have seen some adorable 'apple' crafts and that just seems too cute for the teachers. How can I show the teachers and staff how much they mean to me?

Elated with Education System

Dear Elated:

One word....CASH!!!! Believe me when I tell you that teachers have all the cutesy apple crafts, photo frames and folk wall hangings that they need! Gift certificates to the movies, a department store or their local book store. What about a massage? Show your appreciation to her wonderful educators by allowing them to get things for themselves that their paltry salary will not allow.

If you have any questions for Cleo write her at P.O. Box 1221 Statesville, NC 28687. There is no need to use your name unless you want to.

Chicken BBQ Scheduled

Cool Spring United Methodist Church is hosting a chicken barbecue Saturday, May 15, starting at 10:30 a.m. Plates are take-out or eat in and include chicken, slaw, beans, rolls, drink and dessert. Reasonable donations will be accepted. The church is located at 1902 Mocksville Hwy. a mile west of Cool Spring Elementary School. For information call 704-873-8462.

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