



Soccer coach, author Cuadros to speak

State championship victory brings immigrants' struggles into focus

By Kari Baumann

♣ As a graduate of Jordan-Matthews High School in Siler City, I was not only excited when I heard the news that their soccer team had won the state championship in 2004, I was also surprised.

I didn't even know that Jordan-Matthews had a soccer team! Apparently I wasn't the only one who didn't initially think of JM as a hotbed of soccer, because getting the team established was not an easy task.

The story of the team, from its formation to winning the state championship in its third season, is chronicled in *A Home on the Field: How One*



Paul Cuadros

Championship Team Inspires Hope for the Revival of Small Town America, a new book by Paul Cuadros, one of the team's coaches. Cuadros will speak at 7 p.m. Thursday, February 8, at the Asheboro library.

The program, sponsored by the Friends of the Library, is free and the public is invited.

A Home on the Field is not only about soccer, but also about immigration and how it is changing a community. Cuadros

moved to Pittsboro in order to write about the impact of Latino poultry workers on rural towns in the South, and found himself coaching soccer in his spare time. His work with those players led him to advocate with the school administration for a soccer team, and finally to a position as one of the coaches.



Jordan-Matthews Jets soccer team members celebrate their victory in the 2004 state championship. Coach Paul Cuadros has written a nationally-recognized book about the team, *A Home on the Field*, and will speak at 7 p.m. Thursday, February 8, at the Asheboro library (photo by Jeff Davis, Chatham News).

The players, who were mostly Latino immigrants, faced opposition not only from the school administration, but also from the community. An anti-immigration rally in downtown Siler City featuring former Klansman David Duke made it clear that this was a community not accustomed to change.

The players were taunted by other teams and their fans, and faced other struggles as well — the struggles of immigrants whose families have worked so hard to get here, in some cases illegally. It is their stories that make *A Home on the Field* more than just a run-of-the-mill sports book, and instead turn it into a compelling portrait of immigrant life in this country.

'Teen Corner' to debut Sat., Feb. 24, with Rock 'n' Roll and pizza

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Has final Quiz Bowl buzzer sounded?

♣ **The Department of Cultural Resources (DCR) has announced that district and statewide competitions for Public Library Quiz Bowl will be discontinued.**

This decision comes a year after the State Library Commission recommended ending program after the 2006-07 school year due to lack of resources and perceived failure to meet the needs of North Carolina youth. Over the past year, DCR explored "all options" in an attempt to resolve QB and other teen programming issues, but in the end, Quiz Bowl, started in 1978 by the State Library, a division of DCR, was doomed.

How does this affect the local Quiz Bowl? We are pleased to announce that the local bowl will take place as scheduled, 10 a.m. Saturday, February 3 at Randolph Community College. The library staff feels that the Quiz Bowl has fulfilled the stated goals of stimulating young adult interest in the library, encouraging young adults to use library materials, fostering school/public library cooperation and raising the visibility of the library in the community.

This year is Randolph Public Library's 15th year of participation. Each year, the five public high schools field enthusiastic and well-coached teams. Teams from Fayetteville Street Christian School and the Home School Association of Randolph County have also competed. Over the past 14 years,

the silver Revere Bowl, donated by First National Bank, has been displayed at each of the five public high schools, as each has captured the trophy at least once, and some, numerous times. Even though a local team has not won the District Quiz Bowl, Randolph County has always been well represented by a team displaying good academic skills as well as great sportsmanship and demeanor.

The Friends of the Library has been a generous sponsor, providing funds for prizes and serving a bountiful lunch to everyone in attendance. Local businesses and organizations have also made significant contributions. Our moderator, Phil Shore, is the best in the business. Once appearing as Peyton Randolph, Phil aces the pronunciations, memorizes students' names and puts them at ease, never reveals an answer early and keeps the pace exciting. We are fortunate to have had outstanding community leaders as judges, scorekeepers, rotation authorities, and timekeepers. The Randolph Community College staff has been extremely accommodating, setting up the stage and sound system, loaning the library's reference collection and providing a place for lunch.

So mark your calendar for Saturday, February 3. Quiz Bowl is as stimulating and challenging as "Jeopardy," and audience members will get to see some of Randolph County's best and brightest students in action. Here's an offer you can't refuse!

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For 30 points: What library-sponsored academic tournament will take place in February?



♣ BUZZZZZZZZZZ! Quiz Bowl!

Teams from five high schools and an early college program will compete for top honors in the Randolph County Public Library Quiz Bowl at 10 a.m. Saturday, February 3 at the Randolph Community College auditorium.

Asheboro, Eastern Randolph, Randleman, Southwestern and Trinity High Schools, and the Randolph County Early College will participate.

The winner of this year's event may have the last bragging rights: the State Library of North Carolina is dropping its support for Quiz Bowl after 15 years, and there will not be district or state tournaments for local winners (see From the Director, page 2).

The Friends of the Library, First National Bank and Dominoes Pizza are sponsoring this year's local competition.

Friends plan big events this spring

♣ Authors, experts and music are on tap as the Friends of the Library look forward to spring.

Mark your calendars for these upcoming programs and events.

- J. Timothy Cole and Bradley R. Foley talk about their book *Collett Leventhorpe: The English Confederate*, 7 p.m. Thursday, March 1.
- Lane Ragsdale and friends return with a new cabaret show, 7 p.m. Thursday, April 19.
- Elliott Engel, the North Carolina State University English professor who performs in the guise of a

variety of literary figures, will be featured at a ticketed noon luncheon, Tuesday, April 24, at Pinewood Country Club.

- Rich (a.k.a. Richard Johnson) and the Goodtimers with Norman Grey present an encore performance at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 3.

Two confirmed events are not yet scheduled. North Carolina Zoological Park Director Dr. David Jones will talk about his television documentary "Making Connections," and Celtic music will return for St. Patrick's Day.

All these events, except for the Elliott Engel luncheon will be free. All are open to the public.

Seagrove gets foundation grant

♣ The Seagrove Library has been awarded a \$1,000 grant by The H. Clay and Wavie M. Presnell Foundation Inc.

This is the second year the library has received a grant from foundation, which seeks to "augment governmental funding of, or to otherwise finance

recreational or educational (e.g., museums, libraries) facilities open to public use within North Carolina." Clay Presnell was a cattle farmer in the Seagrove area and co-owner of Luck's Incorporated. His wife, Wavie, still lives on the farm they shared.

The library plans to use the funds to enhance the DVD collection.

Asheboro Reads

Next up for Asheboro Reads is *Labyrinth* by Kate Mosse, 2-3:30 p.m. Tuesday, January 30. The title for February 27 is *I Feel Bad About My Neck* by Nora Ephron.

Other upcoming titles include *The Memory Keeper's Daughter* by Kim Edwards, March 27; *Can't Wait to Get to Heaven* by Fannie Flagg, April 24; and *A Three-Dog Life* by Abigail Thomas, May 29.

Asheboro Reads meets at the Asheboro library on the last Tuesday of each month.

Computer class

The Asheboro library offers computer classes at 9:30 a.m. each Wednesday and at 9:30 a.m. on some Saturdays. The free, one-hour, one-time classes alternate among basic Internet, email, advanced Internet/NC LIVE and word processing.

Space is limited to six persons per class. Call the Reference Desk at 318-6800, menu option 4, to sign up.

Book sale

The Friends of the Library book sale will take a break during December, but will resume from 9-3 p.m. Saturday, January 27, at the Friends Book Store off the Asheboro Public Library parking lot.

Find out your child's educational fate @ your library

Maps showing proposed Asheboro City Schools attendance zones will be on display at the Asheboro library through February 8 as the Asheboro City Board of

Education considers three different proposals. The plan adopted by the board on February 8 will remain on display for a few weeks following the decision.

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