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The Braves, two-time champs of the Northwest Division, defeated the Western Division champion Arroyo Grande. **Page B1**

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Santa Maria feels the roar of Thunder

Several pilots performed aerial demonstrations Saturday at the 25th annual Thunder Over the Valley air show. **Page A2**

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Student leaders share a vision

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Lompoc Theatre up for vote, again

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After years of neglect under the ownership of a now-defunct non-profit organization, the immediate future of the historic Lompoc Theatre rests in the hands of seven people. On Monday, the seven-member

board charged with overseeing the winding down of the former Lompoc Redevelopment Agency will reconsider authorizing funds to foreclose on the theater, repair the roof and acquire insurance. The meeting will begin at 2:30 p.m. in council chambers at Lompoc City Hall, 100 Civic Center Plaza.

The board voted 4-3 against authorizing the funds at its last meeting a week ago.

Monday's vote may hinge on what the board's legal counsel reports from conversations with the state Department of Finance, one of three government entities that must approve the expenditure of funds to remove

control of the theater from its current owner, Lompoc Housing and Community Development Corporation.

The complicated, multi-layered approval process stems from California's elimination of all redevelopment agencies in June 2011.

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BUILD IT AND THEY WILL COME?



Len Wood/Staff

The Wilcox family, including Jana, left, Canyon, 8, Marshall, and Auggie, 5, ride their bikes near Riverbend Park. The family is a proponent of a proposed bicycle park in Lompoc.

Volunteer-led efforts driving new recreational facilities

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Grassroots efforts could make the Lompoc Valley a destination for sports enthusiasts coming to compete in swimming tournaments, play disc golf or ride in bike parks.

Two recent additions to the Lompoc landscape — a disc golf course and the Aquatic Center's new timing system — are in place

thanks to the work of volunteers.

Community members also are spearheading endeavors to create a pair of other facilities — a motorsports park and a bicycle skills park — they say could attract visitors to Lompoc while giving residents hometown locales for their hobbies.

"I am perfectly comfortable looking at these projects people bring to us as long as they are sustain-

able and not increasing city costs and we don't incur unreasonable liability," Mayor John Linn said. "If it meets those criteria, sure, why wouldn't I want those things for the city?"

"Build it and they will come" isn't just a mantra of the Lompoc Disc Golf Association, but could be a future reality for enthusiasts of several sports.

Construction on a bicycle skills park could begin by October or November at

the northeast end of Riverbend Park, according to Dave Baker, co-chair of the Riverbend Bike Committee. A bicycle skills course has trails, jumps and obstacles for riders for all ages.

The Lompoc Valley Motorsport Park still must get approval from many regulatory agencies to build a course on the north side of the Lompoc Airport.

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EDC director making progress

Teresa Gallavan has big plans for Lompoc

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Approaching one year on the job, Economic Development Director Teresa Gallavan said that the path toward a more vibrant and bustling Lompoc would come from pursuing assorted business development projects.

"We want to have many irons in

the fire and keep moving on many fronts," Gallavan said.

A white board on her desk has a long list of projects that Gallavan is in charge of overseeing since taking on the job in Lompoc. She previously served as a senior administrator at the economic development agency in Riverside County.

On the white board was the old Lompoc theater, a proposed bicycle skills park, motorsports park, California Space Center and many other development opportunities in Lompoc.

Even though Lompoc might not look any different, Gallavan is quick

to point out that Lompoc has economic development. Walmart expanded, the Cypress Court and Santa Rita Hills low-income housing projects were built and, new businesses in Marshalls and DenMat moved to town.

A Public Safety Complex is coming to Hancock College's Lompoc Valley Center.

Last year, Carrows restaurant considered shutting down, but Gallavan and others stepped in to ensure there wouldn't be another empty building in town.

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ABOUT TOWN

Maple High plan to be reviewed

The annual review of the Maple High School Comprehensive Safety Plan will be held at 4 p.m. Thursday in the multipurpose room at Maple High School.

The school safety plan will be available for review, beginning at 8 a.m., in the school office prior to this meeting. Community members are invited to attend and to comment on the plan.

LVMS sets Back to School Night

Lompoc Valley Middle School, 234 South N St., will hold its Back to School Night on Thursday with a meeting from 5:30 to 6 p.m. in the library, followed by classroom visits from 6 to 7:40 p.m.

For more information, call the school office, 742-2600.

Mission in the Moonlight set

Mission in the Moonlight will be held 7 to 9 p.m. Friday at La Purisima Mission, at Mission Gate Road and La Purisima Road east of Lompoc.

Mission docents promise a "magical evening" for visitors wandering the mission grounds at twilight.

There will be treats, musical entertainment provided by the Merri Wreath Consort — and one of the evening's highlights, watching the full moon rising over the canyon, lighting up the mission.

The event is free as is parking.

Program to explain advance directives

A free program co-sponsored by Alliance for Living and Dying Well and Sansum Clinic will be held from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at Sansum Clinic, 1225 North H St., to explain details about advance directives, which give individuals control over medical decisions that will be made if they become seriously ill or injured and are unable to speak for themselves.

Attendees will receive a free copy of "5 Wishes," a legal Advance Directive form; learn how to make sure their

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'Rec-n-Roll' brings skating to families, teens

STAFF REPORT

Lompoc hosted its first "Rec-N-Roll" on Friday when families and teens invaded the Anderson Recreation Center for a night of skating.

The center's gymnasium was converted into a skating rink for the evening. The first two hours were for families with a later session solely for teens.

Mayor John Linn brought the idea to city recreation staff, pointing out that other communities hosted similar events and Wheel Fun Rentals agreed to provide gear, according to JoAnne Plummer, the city's recreation manager.

In a recent survey, teens had said they want to bring back skating to the Lompoc area, she said.

"This really is hitting home," Plummer added.

The gym floor is set to be resurfaced next week and officials decided to hold the "Rec-N-Roll" before the routine maintenance occurs — although she's been assured the activity wouldn't damage the wood floor.

The timing also coincides with the Lompoc schools starting up for the new year.

The fate of future "Rec-N-Roll" gatherings will be decided after officials review Friday's results to assess attendance and community support, she added.



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Skaters try to stay on their wheels Friday at the "Rec-N-Roll" at the Anderson Recreation Center.