

# Scotts Valley students win chance to record in traveling 'Lennon Bus'

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In just a few years, Beth Hollenbeck has transformed the Scotts Valley High School music program from an afterthought to national prominence.

In 2016 the high school was named as one of the best communities in the United States for music by the National Association of Music Merchants (NAMM) Foundation. The foundation works to advance active participation in music.

Next week the school is one of a select number of schools nationwide to be honored with a visit from the John Lennon Educational Tour Bus. In its 20<sup>th</sup> year of touring, the Lennon Bus, supported by Yoko Ono, features the latest audio and video technology, plus instruments.

"This brings attention to the importance of offering music education to our students K-12," said Hollenbeck, who instructs 175 career-driv-

en musicians in her Regional Occupation Program classes. "Our community support has shown that Scotts Valley believes our students should receive equal opportunities in music coursework."

Students at the high school learn songwriting and how to record their own music, along with business practices used in the music industry.

The high school was one of three schools selected when students submitted a video on why music is important in Scotts Valley. The video is available on YouTube.

On Wednesday, Feb. 22, seven students will spend the entire day on the bus, where they will compose a song and then record it for a finished product.

"I like music because I can get lost in it; it helps clear my head," said sophomore Garrett Miller, 15. "The John Lennon tour bus will help me get a better grasp on the music industry and recording."

The bus interior, staffed by industry pro-

fessionals, is divided into three separate studio environments that can be opened to create one large studio. The front studio is an audio and video production room. The rear studio offers recording and mixing, as well as an isolation booth for acoustic recordings, and a Chromatte (green screen) booth.

"Music is easily one of the favorite parts of my life," said sophomore Luka Cheney, 16. "I hope to gain experience with recording and to get a really professional end-product of our song."

The prestigious music program is funded by the school's parent club, Kiwanis of the Valleys, and the summer music concert series held at Sky Park.

On Thursday, Feb. 23, the public is invited to attend the SupportMusic Community Forum. The round-table will feature a panel of educators, elected officials, school administrators and music students.

The gathering will



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begin with a musical performance by students, followed by a series of discussions on music-education successes and opportunities.

The meeting is 10 a.m. to noon and includes a VIP bus tour. The high school is located at 555 Glenwood Dr. For more information contact: Gabe Smith. 248-701-8820.

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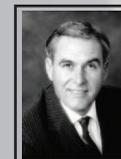
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Dr. Andrew John "Drew" Meyer, former resident of San Lorenzo Valley and Superintendent of Schools from 1994 to 2003, recently living in Idaho, passed away in the company of his family and loved ones on the evening of October 29, 2016. At the time of his passing he was 72 years old.  
Drew was born August 10, 1944, in Long Beach, California, to Henrietta Valborg-Foss and Anthony Francis "Andy" Meyer. As a young man he entered into military service in the United States Air Force and married the love of his life, Suzanne Elizabeth Van

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