

Honors

A look at the accomplishments of Boulder County people

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A local teen band has made it to the semifinals in a national online band competition.

The **Stellar Atlas**, a progressive rock band at Fairview High School, has made it to the semifinals of the SchoolJam USA online battle-of-the-bands (48 bands chosen nationwide).

The band, composed of Fairview seniors **Joey Briggs, Alex Rogers, Rudy Weimer** and **Taylor Tuke**, is working to get into the finals where the band would get \$1,000-\$5,000 depending on how it performs.

The finals involve a live performance in Anaheim, Calif., and placement depends on how many online votes are received from fans and supporters.

Online voters may vote every day in November. To vote for The Stellar Atlas band log on to www.schooljamusa.com.

Alumni of UCLA's Anderson Graduate School of Business recently named **Linda Smith** as one of the 100 most inspiring graduates of the school.

Smith is the founder and director of Reading Village, a Boulder-based nonprofit that works to empower teenagers

Apart from Haiti, Guatemala has the worst literacy rate in the Western Hemisphere



Tobias

Philip Tobias, of Boulder, received the "Volunteer of the Year" award from Coloradans for Alternatives to the Death Penalty on Sept. 11 for his work on the nonprofit's e-mail lists and Web site.

Allison A. Barton has graduated from the Army Reserve Officer Training Corps leader development and assessment course, also known as "Operation Warrior Forge," at Fort Lewis in Tacoma, Wash.

The 32 days of training provide professional training for cadets in the aspects of military life, administration and logistical support.

Although continued military training and leadership development is included in the curriculum, the primary focus of the course is to develop and evaluate each cadet's officer potential as a leader by exercising the cadet's intelligence, common sense, ingenuity and physical stamina.

The cadet command assesses each cadet's performance and progress in officer traits,



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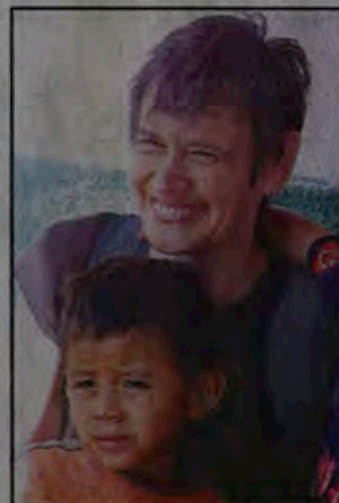
The **Stellar Atlas** band has made it to the semifinals in a national online band competition, SchoolJam USA.

complete the leadership development course. Upon successful completion of the course, the ROTC program, and graduation from college, cadets are commissioned as second lieutenants in the U.S. Army, National Guard or Reserve.

Barton is the daughter of **Robert and Louise Barton**, of Westminster, and is a 2006 graduate of Legacy High School in Broomfield.

The **Boulder Valley Rotary Club** recently raised over \$11,000 for the Community Foundation's Boulder Mountain Fire Relief Fund.

The money was raised from club members to support victims, fire departments and



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Linda Smith poses with Guatemalan children served by Reading Village.

man to Margaret Katz from the Community Foundation serving Boulder County

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