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OF CHAFFEE COUNTY

Meet Kuper Banghart, Our Youth of the Year!



[Kuper Banghart](#), a junior at Salida High School and Club member for eight years, is our 2021 Youth of the Year.



Kuper has served as captain of our Club's Robotics team, taught STEM classes during the past two summers, and tutored summer learning-project kids in math.

"My Club is a place where STEM is encouraged and kids like me are welcomed. Connections, curiosity, knowledge, creativity, the things I believe in, are all supported by the staff," wrote Kuper in [the inspiring speech he delivered](#) (without notes!) at the Colorado YOY competition on April 26. We're so proud of you, Kuper!

Check out all our YOY winners on our [Facebook page](#) or [website](#).

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Something fishy is going on at BGCCC

Want to hear a good fish story?

Our Salida Club is piloting a NASA-funded aquaponics program. Aquaponics is a method of growing plants without soil. Instead plants are grown in water and are nourished by the waste products of the fish. Aquaponics can be used for indoor farming and even by astronauts in space.

On March 26, NASA scientist Dr. Gioia Massa answered questions about the program (via Zoom) with the kids at our Club.

As Executive Director Brian Beaulieu told [The Mountain Mail](#), this is "one of those once-in-a-lifetime, transformative programs that could propel any number of our members into a career in STEM."



Zaylin, 9, checks the PH level in the "aquaponics" fish tank.

"Sing" along at Family Movie Night



CELEBRATE the last day of school with our Summer Kick-off Family Movie Night at [Comanche Drive In](#) in Buena Vista.

We'll be screening the animated musical comedy "Sing" and featuring a sneak preview of the Boys & Girls Clubs summer programming.

Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for kids (5-12). Children under five are free.

Showtime is Thursday, May 27, at dusk. Tickets sold at the door.

You won't want to miss it!

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