A group of teens from Gaston County have come together to report on local businesses, events and interests. These enthusiastic youth have a wide array of talents to contribute and they look forward to using these talents to serve their community. If you are interested in a printed copy, the staff at the Stanley Branch Library will be glad to print one for you.

**TEENS START LOCAL NEWSPAPER!**

**MEET THE EDITORS**

**Lucy Gay**

Hello, my name is Lucy. Some of the things I enjoy are drawing, video games, and writing stories! I also enjoy watching a fair amount of tv; mainly anime but some cartoons and reality shows as well. My personal favorite game for the last year has been Genshin Impact.

I joined this newspaper primarily to meet some new friends and add to my college/work resume. Learning about the community is probably going to be pretty interesting as well! Currently, I plan to mostly do the drawing and art side of things rather than photography or writing. This has been my very first section in our new newspaper. I hope to see you around next release!

**Flora Gay**

Hey, my name is Flora and I am excited to be a part of this newspaper and I believe that I will be a helpful member because of my love for our community. I enjoy walking around town and learning about the history of the buildings. I also enjoy hearing about each business’ experience.

Although I tend to be more on the shy side, I will ask questions if I get curious enough. I have an adventurous spirit and love to discover new places to walk with my dogs. I also know all of the best places to get coffee in town! I love to draw, paint, read and write, but my true passion is learning! I love to bird watch; so much so that I volunteer at a bird rehabilitation center. That’s pretty much everything, I hope to see you all walking around town and supporting our local businesses!

**Eve Moore**

My Name is Guiniveve Moore, but most people know me as Eve. I am a member of the Stanley Branch Library Teen Reporters. I work two jobs: as a cook and cashier and as a hand for a local stable. I am fifteen years old and will graduate high school on May 2024. I am homeschooled. My mom teaches my brother and I; my brother is in the sixth grade. My mom, Katie Moore, worked for Community Public Charter for three years, and my little brother and I attended there during that time. I have a family of five: my dad Phillip Moore, my mom, my older brother Phillip L. Moore, and my little brother Dagon Moore.

I live on a micro-farm, and I have six goats, seven rabbits, and chickens that I have lost count of. I have two dogs, a nine-year-old German Shepard named Sascha and a two-year-old blue heeler named Remington. I have been riding horses for 8 years and have competed in multiple Western pleasure competitions. I also compete in Brazilian Ju-Jitsu and currently do Muay Thai and Judo with my dad, older brother and younger brother.
After the grand opening in August 2019, the Community Public Charter goes from trailers to a permanent home. With much anticipation from the community, faculty, and students, their permanent home will be open to students as of 2023.

I interviewed the exclusive director of Community Public Charter, Monica Dellinger, and she said, “CCS students’ first day in our new facility will be Monday, November 6.” We talked about the new school building and how many classrooms it will have and she stated that, “We anticipate being full capacity K-8 (4 classes per grade level) during the 2028-2029 school year. We will begin with 28 classes serving grades kindergarten through ninth when we begin on November 6.” She had also mentioned that there has been a delay in getting students into the new school, “Due to the weather and inventory accessibility”. Students and teachers themselves are extremely excited to move into the new permanent home. A lot of great things will come out of this extraordinary move.

Hannah, Lauren and Erin Livingston, the teachers I interviewed, said that, “Students are going to have a stable learning environment, which will only improve the learning they have been doing up to this point in the school year. The new building will allow teachers to take full advantage of the space and be able to provide with a more structured method of learning.” We also discussed whether or not the building was going to be a negative or positive impact on the students moving in. Their response was, “I believe the new building is going to have a major positive impact on students.” As of right now, they are in temporary learning spaces with other classes. The room is limited and the noise level is not ideal in many areas of learning. However, this new school building will be able to provide students with an environment that will feel more their own. The student will be able to participate in learning and focus on the curriculum being taught without as many distractions. I also believe it will positively impact the teachers. They will be able to focus on their students and their individual needs represented in their classrooms.

The exclusive director also mentioned that, “During the 2022-2023 school year, Community Public Charter applied for an amendment increasing our enrollment to serve students from Kindergarten through 12th grade. Our original charter only served grades Kindergarten through 8th. Our first graduating class will graduate in 2027.”