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from the editor



## Gleaning

In my mind, storytelling is sacred. Even the Alpha and Omega chose to address the world with a book. History is a story. In physics, the “observer effect” tells us that energy changes from waves to particles when watched. From the spiritual, to the anecdotal, to the scientific- humanity relies on storytelling.

To believe that a story is the most potent weapon, medicine or tool, is to understand that it must be authentic. To glean from others, we can’t only tell the easy, wonderful parts. We must also relive the complex, scary parts. Lois Lowry’s “The Giver” does an excellent job of articulating this, which might be why it was one of the most banned and challenged books of the early 2000s.

One of my favorite forms of storytelling is songwriting. My earliest “eureka” moment in identifying a profound lyric came sometime around eighth grade. A young creative, I struggled with the sabotage of self-doubt; within the Eagles song, “Already Gone,” I found a foundation-building answer, “so often times it happens that we live our lives in chains and we never even know we have the key.”

I am fascinated with learning about the hard roads that many artists, musicians, writers, entrepreneurs, innovators and visionaries face. In a documentary on Kris Kristofferson, he talks about his decision to work as a janitor at Columbia Studios

while songwriting, saying, “it didn’t look like a smart choice for several years, and my family thought I’d lost my mind.” I sat in my Los Angeles apartment, crying while watching the video. At the time, I struggled with the feeling of defeat from pumping time, money and love into a patented project that I couldn’t sell. In storytelling, the scars are just as important as the victories. It is in the wounds where we find resilience and the courage to overcome obstacles.

In this issue of Plateau Magazine, we cover everything from festivals and exhibitions to ziplining and outdoor sanctuaries. We also celebrate young creatives as they contemplate the future, some with more hope than others, and highlight businesswomen and nonprofits. In these pages, there are narratives of strength. June marks a new season on the plateau. As we spend time together over soirées and cocktails, let us remember to be authentic in our narratives. To show our scars for those who need gleaning. Let us be learners, leaders, visionaries and problem solvers. Let us dare to use our collective wounds and experience to manifest a legacy of caring stewardship. And this fall, when some of us depart, let us take the chesed that we have learned in this place and spread our stories to the world.

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# The Write Stuff

Imagining the future with Highlands Schools

By KAT FORD

**I**N MARCH, ARTIST, NOVELIST AND PLATEAU MAGAZINE CONTRIBUTOR, the powerhouse of creativity known as Diane McPhail, asked me to co-judge an art and literacy contest. Inspired by Amanda Gorman's inaugural poem, "The Hill We Climb," Highlander Jane Jerry wondered how Highlands' students feel about coming years, creating a call for submissions themed, "Imagine the Future." From third to twelfth grade, submitted works ran the gamut from inspiringly aspirational to hauntingly prophetic, profound perseverance to intuitive innovation. We awarded five Honorable Mentions for Literature and Visual Arts, and commendations for 14 "Powerful Lines," phrases that were so emotionally profound and deeply reflective, we felt compelled to share. The minds of the future have plenty to say- and the creative articulation to do so.

## Literature

### 1st Place

*"Why Is It Sometimes So Hard to Write?"*

By Conor Thorske, 10th Grade

Why is it sometimes so hard to write?  
Hard to keep your head up  
to continue this fight,  
Tell me your scary thoughts  
that keep you up at night.

Tell me why you keep so quiet in school.  
Maybe it's because everyone  
has mistaken you for a fool,  
Tossed into an empty box and  
forgotten like a rusty tool.

Still not sure what school has to offer,  
Still not sure if I want to be  
a lawyer or a doctor,  
Still not sure if I will even prosper.

### 2nd Place

*"The Simple Things"*

By Bailey Cronkrite, 6th Grade

My hope for the future is that we'll  
always enjoy the simple things.  
We should enjoy every time a bird sings.  
Every day we enjoy these kinds  
of things less and less.  
We should all take a look at  
an old picture and say..

"Look at how young I was then!  
I should learn to live like that again!"

You never stopped living like that,  
You just stopped thinking like that.

You should never stop loving,  
learning, and caring  
About the simple things.  
Just remember to take a moment to say,  
"I remember the days I loved  
the simple things,  
Like when a bird sings."

### 3rd Place

*"Author"*

By Megan Rehmeier, 12th grade

Words that are written so  
worlds can be made.  
Pages bound together to make a story.  
Sentences produced to be narrated.  
Stories created not to bring glory,

But to make a gateway to new places.  
Lessons that are created and taught.  
Threads of a story are woven like laces.  
Heartbreak, sorrow, and  
tears happen a lot,

Although, happiness and  
laughter also bloom.  
Writing these words causes  
the greatest joy.  
Books, adventures, and words  
made to consume.  
Stories written to last and not destroy.

Books create a world outside of our own,  
One we can travel to and never be alone.

## Visual Arts

### 1st Place

India Clark, 10th grade



### 2nd Place

Vivian Kennedy, 7th grade



### 3rd Place

Blake Kenter, 3rd grade



## Grand

For works completed in teams or through multiple disciplines

Margaret Cole, Cayden Pierson, Jaylin Raby, Nicole Taylor, 7th grade. Arabel Aulisio, Falon Brewer, Elizabeth Hall, Mia Craig, 5th grade. Elise Ramsey, 7th grade. Matthew Morales Campos, 3rd grade. ■



# The Doctor Is In

Expanding primary health care on the  
Highlands-Cashiers Plateau

By KAT FORD

**E**STABLISHED ON FEBRUARY 1, 2019, to improve the health and wellbeing of Highlands, Cashiers and surrounding communities, the Highlands Cashiers Health Foundation (HCHF) was birthed from its predecessor foundation, the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital Foundation, when the nonprofit Highlands-Cashiers Hospital and its parent organization, Mission Health, sold to Hospital Corporation of America (HCA). Charged with advancing the purpose of encouraging vibrant, healthy living on and around the plateau, HCHF awarded over 3.5 million dollars in grants in 2019-2020, ranging from efforts to support medical examinations for child abuse victims to providing health services for low-income and uninsured patients, expanding capacity for search and rescue operations to providing onsite school nurses, encouraging the development of young minds through art, literacy and programming to battling food insecurity. Indeed, the path to healthy living and wellness is an all-encompassing journey.

Then came the first few months of 2020, and a pandemic shook not just our local but global community. Health took on a whole new meaning, and the HCHF sprang into action, purchasing and delivering over 200 hand sanitizing stations in Cashiers, Highlands, Franklin and Sylva; partnering with the United Way to deliver over 5,000 face coverings to area nonprofits, protecting staff and volunteers; funding an unprecedented initiative for weekly COVID testing in plateau schools to maximize the safety of in-school learning and minimize the risk of community spread, and sponsoring both local COVID testing and vaccine clinics.

While headlines were made in grantmaking and community protecting, another initiative took place behind the scenes over the last two years.

## A Diagnostic Approach

A medical diagnosis is a form of deduction. A doctor considers a patient's health history, examines signs and symptoms and test results that could indicate the characteristics of a known disease. As an organization with a health-focused mission, led

by a board of directors composed of many with a background in health and wellness, it should come as no surprise that HCHF would approach their task of community wellbeing in the same fashion. From the start, they conducted a series of listening sessions, interviewing 90 organizations, to identify the most prevalent deterrents of good health. Many of these deterrents encompassed a root cause that we have addressed numerous times in Plateau Magazine, a poverty rate in Macon and Jackson counties that falls just under 20 percent. Working wages that don't offset high costs of living and seasonal flux, food insecurity, lack of housing which requires long and expensive drives to and from work, all factors in creating an un- or under-insured local population. After months of inquiry, HCHF identified access to affordable healthcare as its first diagnosis and most immediate priority in addressing the top three causes of systemic problems within the community.

## Rural Restrictions

Serving a fluctuating population makes it hard for any business owner to build stability and longevity. This can be even more challenging for a primary care physician serving both a largely seasonal population and a significantly uninsured year-round working population. Physicians want to develop long-term relationships with their patients; this requires time and the ability to ride out the financial strain of a new business in slow seasons.

The shortage of health care professionals in rural areas is a national problem. In addition to monetary constraints, issues including lack of peers and access to opportunities for continuing education are all reasons why, when considering western North Carolina, a physician might set their sights on Asheville instead of the plateau. Since 2010, eight of ten primary care physicians have left the Highlands-Cashiers area. HCHF noted that "In 2021, the frightening reality was that two full-time primary care doctors were serving a population that ranges from 8,000 in the winter to more than 40,000 in the summer." Armed with a diagnosis, HCHF sought a long-term, well-researched solution. They found one in Blue Ridge Health.

Blue Ridge Community Health Services (BRCHS), a 501 (c) 3 nonprofit, provides family and pediatric medical services to

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patients across western North Carolina. After an extensive search for solutions with health professionals and organizations, HCHF committed to partner with Blue Ridge Health by providing funding support for the Blue Ridge Health-Highlands Cashiers project to include a comprehensive family medicine center operated by BRCHS at the Jane Woodruff Clinic on the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital campus.

Two new physicians, Ann Davis, MD., and Kristy Fincher, D.O., will begin seeing patients in late June. These two primary care physicians and support staff will offer a comprehensive continuum of health care services for all ages from infants to seniors, including healthy lifestyles and nutrition programs, screenings, treatments for acute illnesses and minor injuries, physical exams, women's services, minor office procedures and chronic disease management, all under one roof. Insurance, Medicare and Medicaid will be accepted, and a sliding-fee scale will be available for eligible patients ensuring



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that all people are served regardless of ability to pay.

Robin Tindall, the CEO and executive director of HCHF, stresses that the funding support partnership is aimed at expanding healthcare access for plateau residents. "At a time when fewer than three percent of North Carolina's medical school graduates choose to practice in rural areas, the plateau has benefitted from the care provided by Dr. Patti Wheeler and Dr. Scott Baker. The Foundation and Blue Ridge Health are excited to expand

this critically needed access to healthcare on the plateau by serving everyone including our year-round families and retirees, seasonal residents and visitors."

### Diagnostic to Preventative

The Area Health Education Centers program was developed by Congress in 1971 to recruit, train and retain a health professions workforce committed to medically underserved populations. Mountain Area Health Education Center (MAHEC) was




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established in 1974 to improve training and retention of healthcare professionals across western North Carolina. Blue Ridge Community Health Services partners with MAHEC as Teaching Health Centers for medical residents. In addition to providing expanded access to affordable primary care, Blue Ridge Health-Highlands Cashiers will utilize their partnership with MAHEC's UNC Health Sciences residency and fellowship programs to help address the region's rural healthcare provider shortage. Certain empathy and communication skills are required in serving a rural area. There is no better way to understand how long commutes, lack of Wi-Fi and cell coverage, or natural encumbrances like downed trees and heavy rainfall could affect a patient than living in those same rural conditions. With an ultimate goal of training and recruiting students to stay in the area, a built-in learning environment for family practice residents and aspiring health professionals will be accomplished by establishing a MAHEC Rural Teaching Practice at Blue Ridge Health - Highlands Cashiers. This ongoing stream of health professionals in training will pave the road to a continuous supply of health care providers on and around the plateau. In addition to medical residents, an area health education center will also allow local middle and high school students exposure to possible health care vocations.

Preventative care is holistic, and HCHF has its eye on the whole spectrum of unmet needs of the community, with the intent to create new solutions that benefit all who live, work and visit the plateau. While primary care is an immediate priority, it is not the only long-term need. Many residents are over age 65, meaning that eventually, there will need to be conversations about specialized medical facilities. Rural conditions also mean intense search and rescue operations and infrastructure that will allow rescue professionals to get to mountain homes quickly in an emergency. Wellness includes physical, emotional, social and intellectual health. Future initiatives will require much research and thought for creative solutions.

The Highlands Cashiers Health Foundation made a substantial commitment toward their funding partnership with Blue Ridge Health. With an expectation that Blue Ridge Health - Highlands Cashiers sustainability will come if given

enough time, this innovative, long-term solution to a long-standing problem would not be possible without a significant Leap of Faith Commitment from the Foundation. For HCHF to keep an eye on the future health of the Highlands-Cashiers Plateau, including the many endeavors required in a complete conversation about innovative and needle-moving wellness strategies, they are asking for donor support. Every fundraising dollar given towards Blue Ridge Health

- Highlands Cashiers goes directly to the project; no HCHF administrative costs are included.

With a new health education center full of minds keen on learning to care for rural residents, the Highlands Cashiers Health Foundation just might have created the winning equation they need to turn diagnostic problem solving into a legacy of preventative plateau wellness.

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# Summer Soirée

On the plateau, conversations about the arts, conservation and humanitarian efforts thrill just as much as golf, croquet, gardening, outdoor activities and book clubs

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**WHO DOESN'T LOVE** a summer pastime where stories are told, ideas swapped and revelry enjoyed? With the backdrop of Highlander Mountain House, where owner Jason Reeves created their Salon Series, designed to illuminate the unique surroundings of Appalachia and the creative work that it inspires,

we invited nine guests to speak with us about what learning, leadership and philanthropy mean to them. Surrounded by floral arrangements created by Kirk Moore of Oakleaf Flower & Garden, known for their signature style crafted with attention to historical and horticultural significance and celebrating the plateau's sense of place, we asked our guests to consider five simple questions.

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»1. What is your educational/occupational background, and how has it influenced your interest in learning, leadership and giving back to your community?

»2. What are your favorite avenues for learning or experiencing the arts and sciences while on the plateau?

»3. Which local nonprofits and causes align closest with your vision of a better tomorrow?

»4. What does community-minded leadership mean to you?

»5. If someone were to ask you how they can get involved in learning, leadership or supporting nonprofits during a soirée this summer, what would you say?

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## Jason Reeves

Charleston, SC, and  
Highlands, NC, when on the plateau

»1. I have a bachelor's degree in economics from Sewanee, a master's in preservation from Boston University and a master's in real estate and urban design from Harvard. I have been a student of history my entire life growing up in Virginia. My mother was curator of two notable house museums, and we lived in a series of historic homes in the countryside that we restored. I witnessed the transformation of slow and steady development threatening irreplaceable historical and natural assets. I learned that green space, historical resources and involved people are essential components of a strong community, so preservation and conservation became a calling and a passion for me. It has influenced almost everything I've done in my professional and philanthropic life.

»2. I am big on the layers of history and historic context, so the Highlands and Cashiers historical societies are always where I start. In terms of the arts, The Bascom is such an important component of this community for education; my hotel has partnered with them on artist in residence programs during our Salon Series.

»3. The historical and preservation societies of Highlands and Cashiers, including the Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust.

»4. To me, it means that we are stewards of this community and this beautiful part of the world. We need to have a long view of the way it is preserved when growth happens.

»5. Email Kat Ford, managing editor of Plateau! She's an amazing resource for getting involved! (Plateau Magazine featured a nonprofit roundup story in our February/March 2021 issue, readers can view this article online at [www.theplateaumag.com](http://www.theplateaumag.com).)



## Diane and Ray McPhail

Highlands, NC

»1. **Diane:** I have a triple-major B.A. from Ole Miss, an M.F.A. from Georgia State, an M.S. from the University of Vermont, and a doctor of ministry degree from UCS, California. My years as a therapist and spiritual retreat leader have made me keenly aware of the often-hidden difficulties people face. My life has always been focused on involvement in my community, with special interest in working to meet such needs, including our local initiatives to provide student scholarships, having been a beneficiary of that myself.

»1. **Ray:** My educational background consists of a B.A. from Mississippi College and a M.S. from Georgia Tech.

»2. **Diane:** As an artist myself, The Bascom has been a priority for me since it was housed

in the library years ago. It has been an exciting journey to participate in its growth into a major regional center at multiple levels. One of my most rewarding experiences as a volunteer was working with the Literacy & Learning Center, using my experience as an art therapist, using drawing and storytelling to help kids master difficult and confusing English words. Recently I have been very involved with the local vaccine clinics. What those vital services have accomplished on the plateau is both reassuring and exciting. For my own learning experience, I am a big supporter of the CLE and the range of high-level presentations they offer, including a trip to Cuba I would never have had other opportunity to do. I am an avid Rotarian, which provides me with means to accomplish a great deal in multiple areas. I am also on the board for the Counseling & Psychotherapy Center of Highlands.

»2. **Ray:** I really appreciate the lectures at CLE and the music events at the Performing Arts Center.

»3. The free health and dental clinics, Pisgah Legal Services, REACH, the Literacy & Learning Center and the Counseling & Psychotherapy Center of Highlands.

»4. **Diane:** There are so many ways to serve community needs, from financial support to deep personal engagement. The truth is that we need all of that and no one person can do everything. But if each of us does even one small part to serve the needs of others here, for example, donating used clothing to Fibbers, our combined involvement makes an immense difference in how we all are able to live here.

»4. **Ray:** For me, it's a function of making contributions. My hat is off to those who donate their time.

»5. We'd love for there to be an evening opportunity to hear presentations from one or more of the nonprofits on their needs and the avenues of involvement each has to offer, as well as how the different nonprofits intertwine to support each other.





**Justin Souma**  
Highlands, NC

»1. I graduated from Furman University Greenville, SC, with a B.A. in business administration, became a financial advisor in 2004 with A.G. Edwards and Sons, currently with Benjamin F. Edwards & Co, in Highlands, NC, since 2015. My work gives me the opportunity to engage with so many different people and entities. The transparent conversations with nonprofits about their needs and with individuals who are planning their own legacy provides me a unique perspective for the community.

»2. The Bascom is the steadfast, traditional experience, but I also enjoy the spontaneity of the pop-up experience provided by the various arts and crafts exhibits on The Village Green in Cashiers and the Kelsey-Hutchinson Founders Park in Highlands. I love having Highlands Biological Station to take my family to in the summertime. The Cashiers Historical Society's annual symposium and Heritage Apple Day are great ways to learn about the community.

»3. The plateau is blessed with an exceptionally strong Rotary presence, made up mostly of local business owners and community leaders. Rotary supports so many nonprofits, such as the Highlands Food Bank, Highlands Scholarship Fund, and the Blue Ridge Free Dental Clinic,

to name a few, with the goal of providing opportunities to better the lives of our permanent community members.

»4. It means working to find a balance between the growth of the plateau and making sure we don't leave behind the people that make it such a wonderful place to live.

»5. Volunteer! Reach out to the nearest chamber of commerce and find out what nonprofit events might interest you and volunteer to help during the event. You never know whom you might meet while lending a hand.



**Bev and Wally Seinsheimer**  
Charleston, SC, and Cashiers, NC, when on the plateau

»1. **Bev:** I have a B.S. in nursing from the University of Virginia; I was a cardiac nurse then a historic real estate broker. Being a nurse brings a compassion for caring, and I learned the importance of giving back as a young adult.

»1. **Wally:** I went to Tulane and the University of Cincinnati. My career was in real estate development, community service was a part of my family's culture, and mine began in high school. Community involvement in each place I lived was my initial activity.

»2. Our interest in collecting art led Bev

to board involvement at The Bascom, and Wally's experience in healthcare led him to the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital board. From these experiences, we learned about the communities' other needs and jumped into most of them.

»3. Protecting our natural beauty, resources and quality of life from conservancy to improved governance.

»4. Giving to a place that gives all of us so much and bringing ideas from our prior experiences to give back.

»5. Inquire as to what are their interests, passions and skills. Seek out matching organizations and be prepared to give time, talent and treasure.



**Renee Byrd**  
Cashiers, NC

»1. During my undergraduate studies in horticulture and graduate degree in plant and environmental sciences at Clemson University, many of my classes focused on service-based learning. These experiences not only allowed students to apply what was learned in the classroom to real-world challenges, but also instilled an appreciation for the importance of collaboration in communities.

»2. So much can be learned by connecting and having conversations with others in the community from various back-

grounds. We are also fortunate to have many educational opportunities through organizations such as The Bascom, The Village Green, The Highlands Biological Station, and the Southern Highlands Reserve, among many others.

»3. The Village Green in Cashiers holds a special place in my heart. The park provides opportunities for community members and visitors of all ages to experience nature, discover, learn and become conscious stewards of the earth.

»4. Community-minded leadership revolves around a collaboration of diverse members of a community with the goal of sustainably improving the health and well-being of the community and its environment. Leadership success depends greatly on motivation to create positive change in the community and willingness to listen and learn from various perspectives.

»5. I am grateful that there is a diverse, interconnected network of nonprofit organizations and volunteer opportunities that are focused on the well-being of our local and regional community and environment. Reaching out to any of the organizations that resonate with your interests, knowledge and experience for learning or volunteer opportunities will positively impact the community.



**Jody and Wood Lovell**  
Highlands, NC

»1. **Jody:** I attended both the Ohio State University undergraduate and law school furthering my education in London, England, with a master's in international business law and qualifying as an English solicitor.

»1. **Wood:** I attended Tulane University and, after graduating, went into the military, then formed a real estate management company in Atlanta.

»1. **Both:** In our youth, going to public libraries and discovering the myriad opportunities for gaining knowledge and learning made a deep impression. Consequently, Wood currently serves on the boards of The Hudson Library, The Macon County Library and The Fontana Regional Library System. We support all the local charities, as each has a noble purpose. We love the arts and were early supporters of The Bascom by naming the gift shop after Wood's parents, Carolyn and Dr. Wood Lovell.

»2. This area is so active with numerous opportunities to experience the arts and sciences. We attend many events throughout the season and support local artists and charities.

»3. We have served in "umbrella" groups which give to all of the charities. Wood was president of the Highlands Community Foundation for several years. This noteworthy organization accepts grants and makes donations to numerous charitable causes. Jody was a founding member of Cullasaja Women's Outreach, an organization that distributes approximately \$100,000 annually to various local charities. All of the nonprofits on the plateau serve very worthy causes.

»4. Community-minded leadership means serving by humble example and quietly contributing and encouraging dedicated volunteers.

»5. There are so many opportunities to get involved. Wood encourages local supporters to volunteer at the Hudson Library's Bookworm- a bookshop where the proceeds support the library. Every nonprofit is searching for volunteers. We suggest that you ask locals for their recommendations for opportunities and visit the nonprofits that speak to your heart. ■

