

Oscar winner has friends in K.M.

Actor Martin Landau says Lane Wood may just be his lucky charm.

Wood, 9, fourth grader at North School, sent the veteran actor a certificate of congratulations even before it was announced at the recent Academy Awards that Landau had won his first Oscar for best supporting actor in "Ed Wood."

"He's not a big shot, he's my friend" said Wood.

Landau plays basketball with Wood, son of Larry and Cindy Wood, and his friends Brad Goforth and David Brinkley when he visits Dale and Vera Becker in the Gold Run community.

After the Oscars Landau sent an autographed picture of himself with Lane and Goforth with the caption, "Oscar Winner Martin Landau and Gretchen Becker present basketball to all star Lane Wood."

Miss Becker accompanied her friend to the Oscars and Gretchen's mother also attended the gala reception afterwards. Mrs. Becker brought home to Wood the first autograph signed by the star.

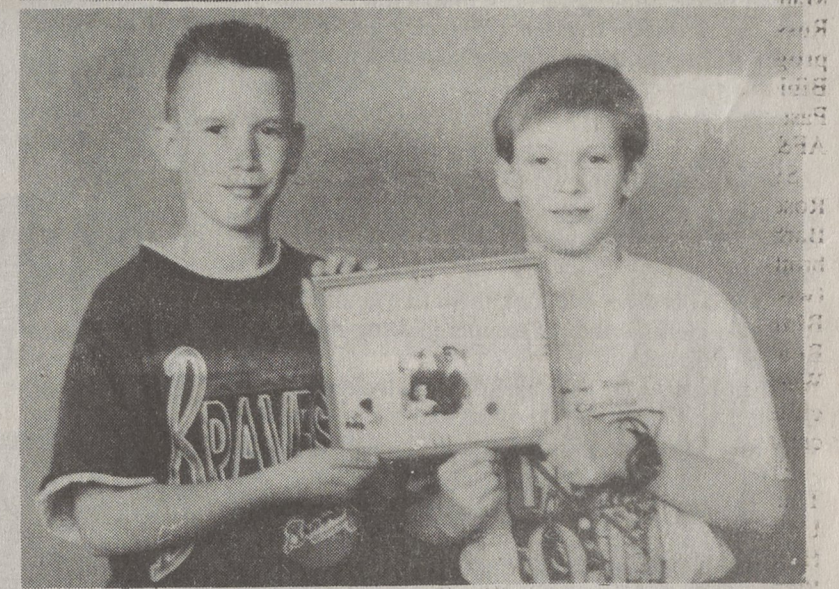
"What a night, what a life, what a moment, what everything," Landau said of his first Oscar.

Landau, who is remembered for his role on the TV show, "Mission Impossible," visits the Beckers frequently in their Kings Mountain home. He and Gretchen have been a twosome for sometime and fended off questions about wedding plans.

According to Mrs. Becker, Hollywood's Night of the Living Glamour lived up to its billing.

Lavish gowns, done-up hair, million dollar gems, funky tuxes and cleavage.

And she said she was so surprised to see that Maria Kennedy



In top photo Oscar winner Martin Landau and Gretchen Becker, far right, talk with Lane Wood, David Brinkley and Brad Goforth at the Becker home at Gold Run during a visit by the movie star. Below, Goforth and Wood display an autographed certificate from Landau, after he won an Oscar for best supporting actor.

Shriver's husband Arnold Swartznager is not nearly as tall and big as he appears on television.

Landau said he had been carrying around a fortune from a fortune cookie he got at a restaurant a couple of months ago. It said, "you will receive some high prize or award." Later he got another fortune cookie that said, "Luck is coming your way."

Landau said young Wood's certificate was his lucky charm.



Kings Mountain area citizens flocked to an outdoor flea market last Friday at the farmer's market located beside the Depot Center. The warm spring weather and good location made the sale a huge success.

Tickets on sale for Tour of Homes

A Kings Mountain historical tour of homes on Saturday, April 29 will benefit the American Diabetes Association and already 100 patrons have raised \$2,000.

The \$10 price of the ticket includes a tour of six beautiful, historical homes in Kings Mountain, lunch from Sub Factory to be served by the Woman's Club at the Woman's Club, a Southern Arts Society art show at the Woman's Club and a display of historical artifacts at Kings Mountain City Hall.

The tour will be held from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Margaret Pearson, chairman, said Carolina State Bank is the major sponsor for the event and will host a patron party on Friday evening from 7-9 p.m. at The Patrick House on East King Street. Music and heavy hors d'oeuvres will be featured. Tickets for the patron

party are \$50 and those interested are invited to call Pearson at Dellinger's Jewel Shop.

The historical homes on tour are those of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Chappell at 303 S. Battleground Ave.; Mr. and Mrs. Butch Pearson at 108 N. Piedmont Ave.; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Huffstetler Jr. at 202 N. Piedmont Ave.; Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Toney at 203 N. Piedmont Ave.; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Huffstetler Sr. at 204 N. Piedmont Ave.; and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Barrett at 211 N. Piedmont Avenue.

St. Matthew's Lutheran Church will also hold open house. St. Matthew's is one of the oldest churches in Kings Mountain.

Tour tickets are available locally at Carpet & Interiors, Dellinger's Jewel Shop, Carolina State Bank, McGinnis Department Store, Plonk's General Store and DeVane Interiors. In Gastonia the tickets

may be purchased at Pineapple's and Uniques and in Shelby at Emily's on The Square.

Over \$2,000 has been raised from patrons and Pearson said the hard-working committee is shooting for 500 tickets or more to the party and tour of homes.

"We've had a lot of interest and much support," said Pearson.

Pearson said that the home hosts are rolling out the red carpet at some of the most beautiful residences in the city.

"We encourage everyone to come and support a good cause."

Next week's Herald will feature a special supplement containing pictures and stories of the six Kings Mountain homes on the tour and featuring several other historical homes in Kings Mountain and the Greater Kings Mountain area.

Grant will provide cop at school

A \$55,000 grant from the Governor's Crime Commission will pay for equipment and to hire and train a Kings Mountain policeman to serve as a resource officer at Kings Mountain High School.

The Kings Mountain Police Department and Kings Mountain District Schools were notified of the grant this week by Governor Jim Hunt who said that more than \$200,000 in federal money will go to three Cleveland County crime prevention programs.

"We've got to do everything we can to make our schools safer," said Hunt.

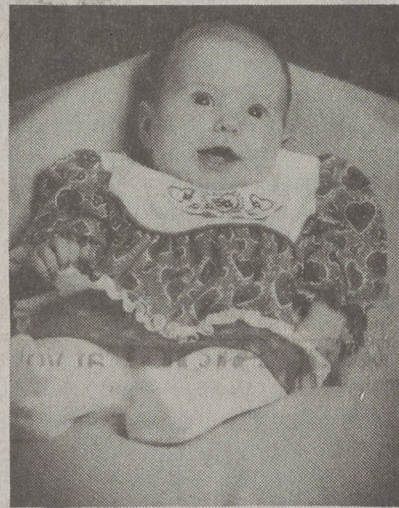
"The new officer at Kings Mountain High will create a safer atmosphere so that teachers can teach and students can learn."

In addition, the City of Shelby's United Family Service got a \$45,000 grant for its Domestic

Assault and Victimization Intervention and Deferral program (DAVID). The abuser treatment program coordinates services for court-ordered offenders and their families and works closely with domestic violence advocates in Shelby.

The Cleveland County Schools got a \$100,000 grant for the Character Education Club, an after-school program for 20 to 30 African-American children who live in two public housing complexes. The program will focus on academics, community service and building self-esteem.

The 40-member Crime Commission serves as the chief advisory board to the Governor and the Secretary of Crime Control and Public Safety on crime and justice issues.



MORGAN MARIE SELLERS...at age 2 months
Jody, Marilyn Sellers announce daughter's birth

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph "Jody" Sellers Jr. of Kings Mountain announce the birth of their first child, a daughter, Morgan Marie, January 6, 1995, Gaston Memorial Hospital.

Morgan Marie arrived at 10:11 p.m. and weighed six pounds, nine ounces. She was 19 1/2 inches long.

She is the granddaughter of Bill and Rachel Sellers of Kings Mountain and Willie and Etta Herrell of Bakersville and great-granddaughter of Frankie Mae Wehant of Kings Mountain.

The baby's mother is the former Marilyn Herrell.

Mrs. Hardin gives land to Grover

GROVER - Mrs. V. J. Hardin and her family have donated 1.99 acres of land to extend Grover Cemetery.

"This gift is a much needed asset to the cemetery and for the future use of Grover," said Mayor Ronald Queen.

Queen made the announcement at Monday night's Town Board meeting.

Queen said the town will be able to use the land in five years under an agreement with the family.

GROVER

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viewed by the public from the street.

Upon question of a citizen, the board voted to send a formal complaint to Southern Bell Telephone Company asking that Grover's toll free calling area be extended to include Boiling Springs and Fallston that residents now have to pay long-distance charges.

The board directed Planning & Zoning Board Chairman Max Rollins to write a formal letter to initiate steps for condemnation of a house trailer on Hardin Circle.

Councilman Robbie Sides was absent. Queen said Sides is in school.

KM Hospital receives Duke grant

Kings Mountain Hospital has received a grant of \$7,981 from the Duke Endowment.

The hospital grants are based on the number of days of uncompensated care reported by the hospital.

Of the total \$2.9 million in grants to institutions, \$2 million went to 118 hospitals in North Carolina while 53 South Carolina hospitals received \$892,000.

Grants ranged from a high of \$124,420 to Charlotte-Mecklenburg Hospital Authority to a low of \$426 to Hampton General Hospital in Varnville, SC.

Cleveland Memorial Hospital at Shelby received \$33,320 and


Crawley Memorial Hospital at Boiling Springs received \$1502. Gaston Memorial Hospital in Gastonia received \$45,599.

Founded in 1924 by North Carolina industrialist James B. Duke, the Duke Endowment is one of the nation's largest private foundations with assets totaling \$1.3 billion. In 1994, the Endowment approved grants of nearly \$50 million to not-for-profit hospitals and child care institutions in the two Carolinas, rural United Methodist

Churches and retired ministers in North Carolina and to Davidson College, Duke, Furman and Johnson C. Smith universities.



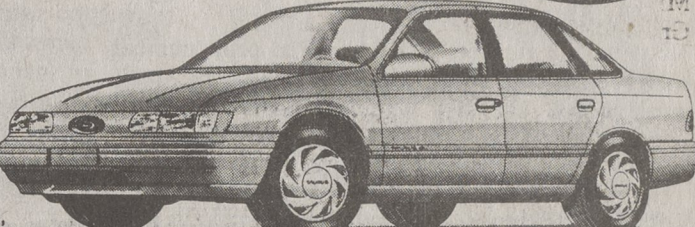
K-2 STUDENTS OF THE MONTH - Pictured are K-2 students of the month for February. From left to right, Garrett Alexander, Ryan Davis, Kristen Harris, Sarah Page, Amber LeGette, Clay Roberts, Chris Wilson, Kirsten Martin, Fain King and Stefanie Johnson.



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