



*Well, I bet you I'm gonna be a big star.
I might even win an oscar, you can never tell
but the only reason I'll be a big star
is because I play the part so well.*
John Russell and Voni Morrison

About 400 country-western music fans gathered Sunday for the final day of pickin', grinnin', strummin' and wailin' at the Nebraska State Country Music Festival in Springfield, Ne.

Competition included country-western combos, individual and group singers, electric and flat-top guitar and banjo pickers, and fiddlers. While the competition carried on through the day individuals gathered in the shade to warm up their fingers, chew the fat and to sip a few beers.

Sponsored by the Cornhusker Country Music Club of Louisville Ne., the competition lasted three days, June 23-25. Governor J. James Exon proclaimed the second week of June as Country Music Week in conjunction with the annual event.

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