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GREENVILLE – Loretta Lynn was 19 years old the first time she hit the big time at the local fair. Her canned vegetables brought home 17 blue ribbons and made her canner of the year. Now that's impressive for a girl from Butcher Holler, Ky.

Fortunately, she decided to try her hand at things other than canning.

Her first guitar cost \$17 and with it, this coal miner's daughter gave voice to a new generation. Now, over 50 years after she cut her first record and canned her first vegetables, Loretta Lynn still reigns as the record-setting queen of country music.

The First Lady of Country Music, who has charted 16 number one hits and authored six books, visits the Greenville Municipal Auditorium Friday, Feb. 28, at 8 p.m. A lucky *News-Telegram* reader will be there.

“To enter, just like or share the Loretta Lynn post on our Facebook page,” said Arts Editor Terry Mathews. “We will count each separately, so your chances to win will double if you do both.”

Deadline to enter will be at midnight Monday, Feb. 24. The winner will be announced Tuesday, Feb. 25.

Greenville will celebrate the 50th anniversary of Loretta Lynn's arrival on the music scene. See it and hear it live as the Queen of Country performs classics such as “Coal Miner's Daughter,” “You Ain't Woman Enough,” “Don't Come Home A-Drinkin'” and several additional memorable songs.

Tickets are priced from \$45-\$65. Reserved seats may be purchased in person at the box office, by calling 903-457-2994 or by logging on to www.showtimeatthegma.com.