

Winter: Singer to try luck in Nashville

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Knowing her determination and ability, Kim said she fully expects Winter to enjoy success in her musical endeavors. She thinks that — given the right break — she could end up the star she was born to be.

"I have all my faith and hope that she is going to excel," she said. "I'm hoping she can be a superstar and one day pull up in a promo tour bus and say, 'Come on, Mom and Dad Owens,' and take us for a big old ride!"

With an apartment already lined up, Winter's first order of business when she reaches Nashville will be finding a job to pay the bills. From there, she imagines she'll be kept busy shopping her record to record companies while trying to make connections with musicians and other key players in the country music industry.

"I'm definitely not afraid to



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Amanda Winter, shown playing Annie in her younger years for the Clay Center Community Theater in November 2001, is moving to Nashville soon to pursue her dream of becoming a country music star.

go door-to-door and meeting people and just put myself out there," she said. "Once I get down there, my hope is to

find a band and go play all the honky tonks on weekends and hope something leads from there."

The idea of moving to an unfamiliar place — one she's visited just three times — with few contacts and little fanfare seems daunting at times, she admits.

But if taking a risk is the price she must pay for her chance at stardom, she is more than willing to roll those dice.

"My plan as of right now is to stay there indefinitely and wait for life to happen," she said. "I could go down there and meet Prince Charming and move to wherever he is. Or I could go down there and become a superstar ... or find a different career. You never know.

"I would never want to be that person who sat around and wondered all her life, 'What if?' I'd rather live a life of 'oh wells' and having tried it. If you have a dream, you might as well dream big, because you never know what could happen."