



We're **OBSESSED** with women in country music!

## Welcome to Girl Crush Country!

Have you checked out the Girl Crush Fans giveaway yet? Just by being subscribed to this newsletter, you're already entered to win Apple Air Pods, a Girl Crush Country hoodie, and merch from Lainey Wilson, Rissi Palmer, Allie Colleen, and more. But you can earn bonus entries too! Details [here](#) and below. The winner will be announced two weeks from today!

And for this week's powerful women in country music history: Loretta Lynn was the first woman to win Entertainer of the Year trophies, both from the CMA and the ACM. She did it in 1972 at the CMA Awards, and only seven other female acts have done it since then, including the reigning Entertainer, Lainey Wilson, who's won it twice. Loretta's ACM Entertainer win came in 1976, a decade after the awards began, and only nine other female acts have won it since. Lainey's the reigning EOTY here, too, having won the last two years in row. Will she become the first ever to get a three-peat in 2026? We'll have to wait and see.



*Jess Wright, Creator/Host*





FEATURED GIRL CRUSH

## Faith Schueler

Rising artist Faith Schueler was recently named an "Artist to Watch" by ASCAP. Joining the ranks of past GPS program participants like Lainey Wilson, Faith is proving exactly why she belongs in the spotlight. She opens up about the reality of her Grand Ole Opry debut -- including a last-minute health scare that almost sidelined her -- and the surreal moment of peace she felt the second she stepped into the circle.

Faith also shares the incredible stories behind her major collaborations, from meeting Lady A's Charles Kelley in a green room to releasing a duet with mentor Eric Paslay. We also cover her "do hard things" mentality, her relentless work ethic, and manifesting her next big goal: a duet with fellow Charleston native Darius Rucker. Watch the full interview to hear how Faith is navigating her breakout year with kindness and grit [here](#).



NEWS

## Wynonna Judd and Melissa Etheridge Tour

Raise your hand if you saw this and immediately got excited. Yeah, same. Wy and Melissa are co-headlining this tour that's hitting 27 cities from June to September. And it's a double benefit tour, too: For every ticket sold, they'll donate \$1 to the Etheridge Foundation, dedicated to finding prevention and treatment for opioid use disorders, and \$1 to St Jude Children's Research Hospital, which treats kids with cancer and never charges their families. [General admission tickets](#) went on sale Friday.



News

## Kacey Musgrave Announces *Middle of Nowhere*

We called it! Kacey Musgraves announced her new upcoming album release this week: *Middle of Nowhere* will be out May 1, and she's released the first peek at the album, "Dry Spell," which you can hear on the [Girl Crush Country Spotify playlist](#) and below. And here's the part we called: It *will*, in fact, include a collaboration with Miranda Lambert. Kacey told [NPR](#) she was scrolling on Instagram and saw a picture of Miranda on a horse, and she thought, "Well, we ain't friends, but I guess we have two things in common, horses and divorces, that's for sure." That led to the idea for the song, "Horses and Divorces" and the possibility of dueting on it with her old frenemy. She reached out to Ran and said, "I know we've had our s— over the years, but listen, we've at least got two things in common. I'm not trying to be your friend... But I think this would be a pretty f—ing funny song." Willie Nelson, Billy Strings, and Gregory Alan Isakov are also featured on the album.





## News

### Win Air Pods, Artist Merch, and more

We're two weeks away from announcing the winner of the This One's For the Girl Crush Fans Giveaway and you still have time to get your bonus entries! Only newsletter subscribers are eligible to win, so you're in regardless. But you get get bonus entries by following us on the the socials, subscribing to the YouTube channel, and sharing the giveaway after you enter to win [here](#). The name of the game is growth -- the bigger our platform, the bigger the impact we can make for women in country music. Here's what's at stake:

- Apple Air Pods
- Girl Crush Hoodie (oversized, comfort fit)
- Lainey Wilson horseshoe charm and koozie
- Color Me Country hat signed by Rissi Palmer
- Allie Colleen merch: t-shirt, hat, beanie, and patch

...and we could still add more to it before giveaway time. We're announcing the winner in the March 30 issue, but don't wait -- you know you'll forget. [Get your bonus entries here.](#)



The freshest Girl Crush Country music:

- Kacey Musgraves [Dry Spell](#)
- Carly Pearce [If I Don't Leave I'm Gonna Stay \(ft Riley Green\)](#)
- Erin Kinsey [Reasons Why We Broke Up](#)
- Lainey Wilson [Can't Sit Still](#)
- Kat Luna [Two Boots](#)
- Jo Dee Messina [Some Bridges](#)
- Heather Russell [Adam Sandler](#)
- Ashland Craft, Mae Estes, Ashley McBryde [Yard Sale](#)
- Avery Anna [Life Ain't Like The Radio](#)
- Alana Sprinsteen [black sheep](#)
- Hannah McFarland [Missin' Me](#)
- Sophia Scott [Miss Me Now](#)
- Ilse DeLange [Evergreen](#)
- Abbie Callahan [Gimme! Gimme! Gimme! \(A Man After Midnight\)](#)
- Ashley Walls [REASON YOU DRINK](#)
- Amy Shepard [Fool Outta Me \(feat the Wolfe Brothers\)](#)
- Grace Leer [Small Town Stranger](#)
- Julie Eddy [Break Up Again](#)
- Maren Lein [Enjoy The Show](#)

Listen to all these songs, plus music from other kickass women on the [Girl Crush Country Playlist here.](#)

# birthday queens

Girl Crushes celebrating birthdays this week:

Maggie Baugh  
Hannah Dasher  
Lindsay Ell

## The fits

Show your love for GCC and for women in country music when you buy some swag in the [Girl Crush Country Store!](#) Choose just the logo or pick a design with some added sass if you roll like that. Every design is available on multiple styles, colors, and items.



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