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## Welcome to Girl Crush Country!

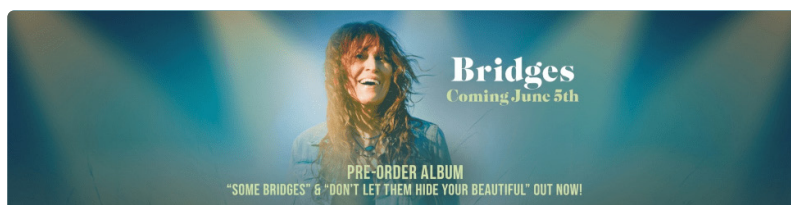
I'm glad you're here! It's a big week for women in country music -- leading the ACM nominations, debuting a documentary, and *so much* new music, and we're talking about all of it below, as well as introducing you to this week's featured Girl Crush, Andrea Vasquez.

As a reminder, we need your help to grow the Girl Crush Country platform, because the bigger we are, the bigger the impact we can make for women in country music. So if you aren't following us on the socials ([FB](#), [IG](#), [Tik Tok](#)) or subscribed to the [YouTube channel](#), please do those things! And share this newsletter with your country music-loving friends and encourage them to subscribe and follow, too.

And since we're about to throw flowers at the women dominating the ACM Award nominations, let's throw it back to 2019 for this week's historical example of women knocking down doors in country music. That's the year Carrie Underwood became the first woman to win the ACM for Entertainer of the Year three times. She also won in 2008 and 2009. Women who have won it twice include Taylor Swift (2010, 2011) and the reigning Entertainer Lainey Wilson, who has won it the last two years and has a chance of tying Carrie's milestone this year. Let's GO girls!



*Jess Wright, Creator/Host*





FEATURED GIRL CRUSH

## Andrea Vasquez

Andrea Vasquez is changing the game. She joined me this week to talk about how she's redefining what country music looks and sounds like, the pursuit of radio airplay (or not), and how she's creating space for other Latinx artists to shine. And she takes us behind the scenes of her EP *El Camino* and what's on the way. [Watch the full interview on YouTube here.](#)



NEWS

## Women Lead the ACM Nominations

The nominations for the 61st Academy Of Country Music Awards came out this week, and LOOK AT ALL THOSE WOMEN leading the pack! Megan Moroney has the most nods at nine, including her first shot at Entertainer of the Year. Miranda Lambert, who is the winningest artist in ACM history, is right behind her with eight nominations -- the most she's gotten in a single year since 2016 and her 17th nod for Female Artist of the Year. Reigning Entertainer of the Year Lainey Wilson and reigning New Female Artist of the Year Ella Langley are tied with seven nominations each, including Entertainer for Lainey, and Artist-Songwriter for Ella. All four are up for Female Artist of the Year. The nominations came with a surprise, too: Carter Faith got her first ever nomination and it's for Album of the Year for *Cherry Valley*. She is the only woman in that category. And speaking of the only woman in a category, Jessie Jo Dillon is the only female nominee for Songwriter of the Year. Her contributions include Megan Moroney's Song of the Year-nominated "Am I Okay?" and other cuts on that album, and also songs by Kelsea Ballerini and Maren Morris. Click the image for the full list of nominees. We'll all find out the winners together when the awards air live from Las Vegas May 17 on Amazon Prime Video.



News

## Lainey Wilson's *Keepin' Country Cool* Documentary

We're a little over a week away from the debut of Lainey Wilson's Netflix documentary, *Keepin' Country Cool*, and there's a [new trailer](#) out giving us a peek at what to expect. Like how she's worked for 14 years to become an "overnight success." She said, "I spent a decade being the one you didn't see coming." She talks about her relationship with her fiancé, Duck Hodges, and how she's freezing her eggs ("puttin' them babies on ice") so she can fulfill her calling to be a mama when the time is right. And she shares that sometimes she struggles like any other human: "I think it's important to show people that, like, I don't have my shit all together." I don't know about you, but I am excited to watch when it comes out a week from Wednesday (4/22).



News

## Got Gear?

It is so fun to see your photos sporting the Girl Crush Country gear! If you've gotten yours from the merch store, thank you! We love to see your pics, but we can't always see tags on social media if your account isn't public, so if you're cool with us sharing them, send them to [jess@girlcrushcountry.com](mailto:jess@girlcrushcountry.com) and maybe you'll see yourself in this spot and on our socials in the future. If you haven't gotten your gear yet, [get it here](#). New designs are coming soon!



## The drops

The freshest Girl Crush Country music, now on Spotify AND Pandora:

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- Erin Kinsey House Arrest [Spotify](#) | [Pandora](#)
- Kat Velasco You're Drunk [Spotify](#) | [Pandora](#)
- Shawnee Kish Ride At Dawn [Spotify](#) | [Pandora](#)
- Mary Sarah Reasons [Spotify](#) | [Pandora](#)
- Kylie Morgan The Healed Cowgirl Pt. 1 (album) [Spotify](#) | [Pandora](#)
- Tenille Arts If Somebody Told Me You Were Dying [Spotify](#) | [Pandora](#)
- Allie Colleen Southside [Spotify](#) | [Pandora](#)
- Alana Springsteen love me anyway [Spotify](#) | [Pandora](#)
- Ella Langely Dandelion (album) [Spotify](#) | [Pandora](#)
- Willow Avalon Cardinal Sin (ft Jason Isbell) [Spotify](#) | [Pandora](#)
- Lily Meola You And I [Spotify](#) | [Pandora](#)
- Tenille Townes The Acrobat (album) [Spotify](#) | [Pandora](#)
- Emily Ann Roberts My Future [Spotify](#) | [Pandora](#)
- Kygo, Carter Faith That's When You Know [Spotify](#) | [Pandora](#)
- Ashely Kutcher Out of Your League [Spotify](#) | [Pandora](#)
- Jo Dee Messina Don't Let Them Hide Your Beautiful [Spotify](#) | [Pandora](#)
- Jordana Bryant Truth Is [Spotify](#) | [Pandora](#)
- Kelsey Lamb Growing Up Too [Spotify](#) | [Pandora](#)
- Riley Roth Used To Be Friends [Spotify](#) | [Pandora](#)
- Jenna Davis Used To Be Friends [Spotify](#) | [Pandora](#)
- Britnee Kellogg French [Spotify](#) | [Pandora](#)
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- Just Jayne Love A Loser [Spotify](#) | [Pandora](#)
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- Cyndi Thomson Perfume on the Floor [Spotify](#) | [Pandora](#)
- Lacy Green Making You Happy [Spotify](#) | [Pandora](#)
- Lakelin Lemmings Life Of Mine [Spotify](#) | [Pandora](#)
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- Tatum Scott Alabama Avenue [Spotify](#) | [Pandora](#)
- Ava Claire The Sound [Spotify](#) | [Pandora](#)
- Gloria Anderson Black Gold [Spotify](#) | [Pandora](#)
- Gracee Shriver Pretty Psycho [Spotify](#) | [Pandora](#)
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## birthday queens

Girl Crushes celebrating birthdays this week:

- the late Loretta Lynn
- Tenille Arts

# 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. These are just a few of the options:



Dolly & Loretta & Patsy & Tammy tee

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Trisha & Reba & Faith & Jo Dee tee

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Lainey & Ella & Kelsea & Miranda tee

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