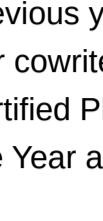




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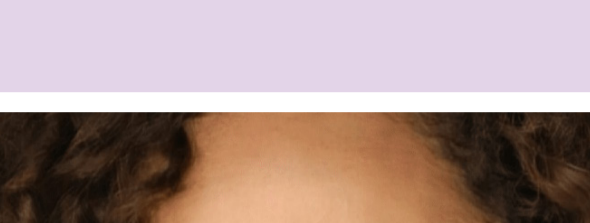
Welcome to Girl Crush Country!

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I'm glad you're here! We've got a lot to talk about, from this week's featured Girl Crush Lexie Stevenson to a Dolly Parton health update, and not one but TWO forever love stories. But first, here's some women in country music history:

It was this week in 2011 that Sara Evans got her fifth (and so far final) #1 with "A Little Bit Stronger." She'd debuted it at her CMA Fest fan club party the previous year, and she counts Hillary Lindsey and Lady A's Hillary Scott among her cowriters (we love a girl power punch). It was Sara's first song to be certified Platinum by the RIAA, and she got a nomination for Female Video of the Year at the 2011 CMT Music Awards.

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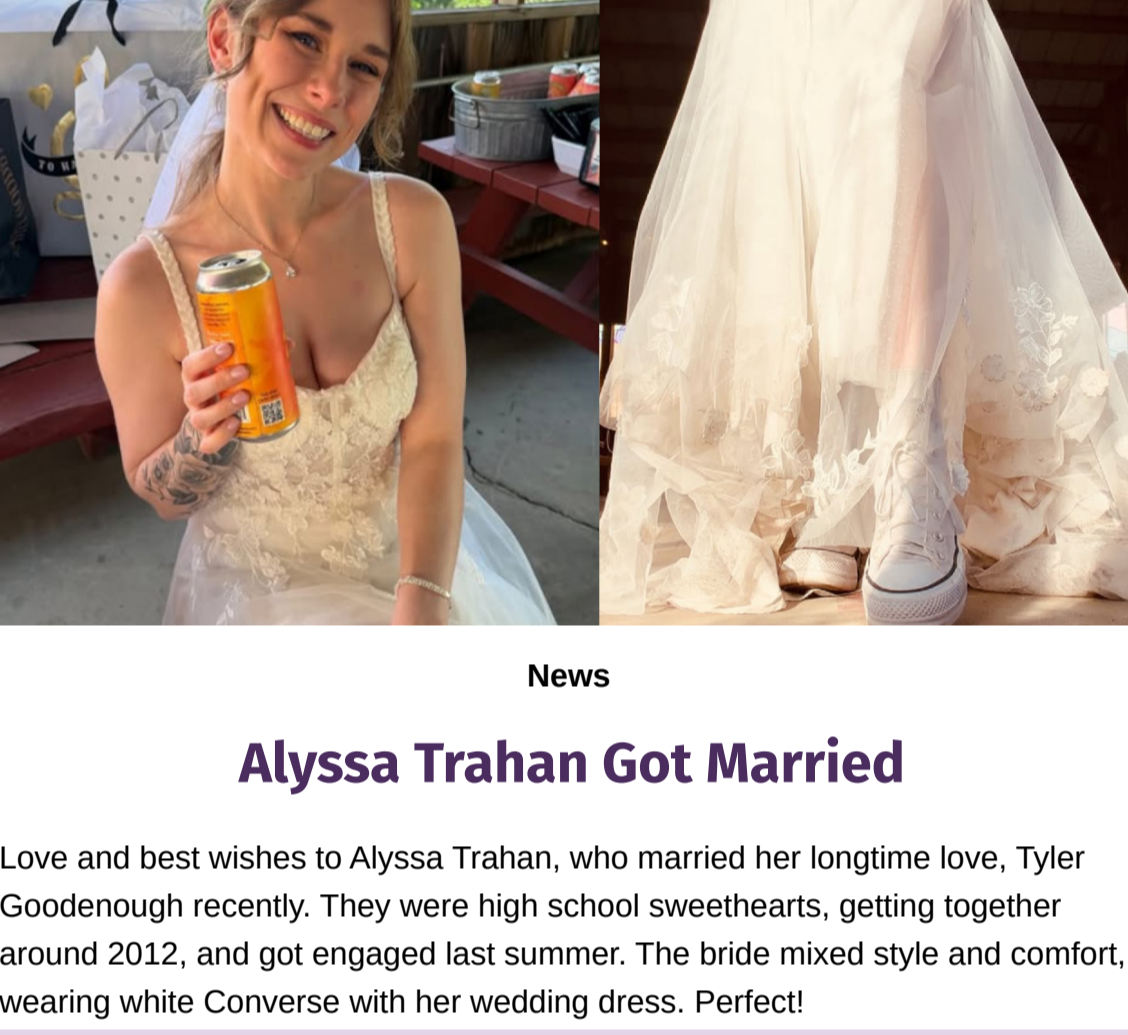


FEATURED GIRL CRUSH

Lexie Stevenson

From her role as Mattie Ashby on The Young and the Restless to finding her musical calling in Nashville, Lexie's story is pure inspiration. She opens up about the moving real-life story behind her song "Butterfly" (no, seriously, have a tissue ready), her battles with endometriosis and mental health and the advocacy that came from them, and what it means to carve out space as a mixed-race woman in country music. [Watch the full interview here.](#)

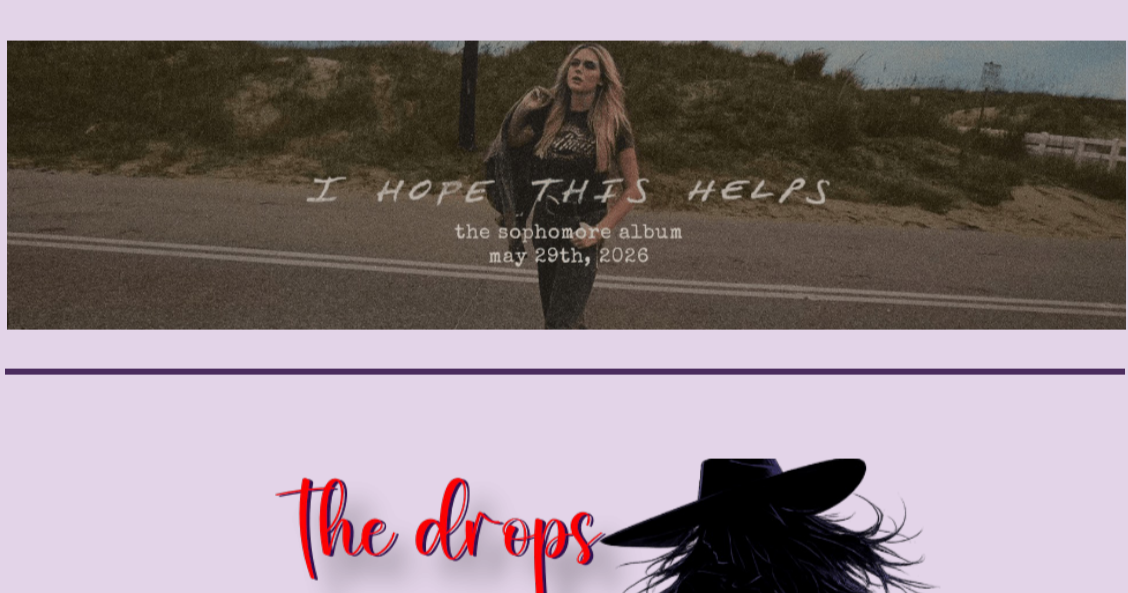
The Tea



NEWS

Dolly's Health Announcement

Let's be honest: When Dolly started [a recent video on social media](#), "I'm here to give you an update on a few things going on in my life. First, concerning my health," a lot of hearts STOPPED. "I have some bad news and a little bad news," she said. For the good, Dolly said she's responding well to treatments for conditions affecting her immune and digestive systems. For the bad, she said it's going to be a while before she can get back on stage to perform because, "some of the meds and treatments make me a little bit swimmy-headed." She continues to record music, finish her Broadway musical, travel to Dollywood, and work on opening her museum and hotel in downtown Nashville, but she has canceled her scheduled Las Vegas residency, which was set to run this Fall at the Colosseum at Caesars Palace. She already had to postpone the run once for medical reasons. We are sending all the healing vibes Dolly's way.



News

Alyssa Trahan Got Married

Love and best wishes to Alyssa Trahan, who married her longtime love, Tyler Goodenough recently. They were high school sweethearts, getting together around 2012, and got engaged last summer. The bride mixed style and comfort, wearing white Converse with her wedding dress. Perfect!



News

Kylie Morgan Got Engaged

Kylie Morgan was surprised recently at what she thought was a content shoot for her album *The Healed Cowgirl, Pt. 1* but was really a proposal. Her boyfriend Alek Halverson enlisted his daughter Ava for the surprise, saying, "Ava and I have a question... Will you marry us?" The two met back in 2019 but reconnected following her split from fellow artist Jay Allen last year, and she has credited Alek for helping her heal. Congrats and best wishes to them!



The drops

The freshest Girl Crush Country music:

- Lucie Tiger Oh Preacher [Spotify](#) | [Pandora](#) | [Amazon](#)
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- Ashley McBryde Wild [Spotify](#) | [Pandora](#) | [Amazon](#)
- Gabriella Rose & Cameron Whitcomb Think About Me [Spotify](#) | [Pandora](#) | [Amazon](#)
- Ashland Craft & Dillon Carmichael Hangin' Up the Honkytonk [Spotify](#) | [Pandora](#) | [Amazon](#)
- Jo Dee Messina Can Anybody [Spotify](#) | [Pandora](#) | [Amazon](#)
- Sheyna Gee Seventeen [Spotify](#) | [Pandora](#) | [Amazon](#)
- Shelby Raye The Woman In Me [Spotify](#) | [Pandora](#) | [Amazon](#)
- Gloria Anderson Highway 80 [Spotify](#) | [Pandora](#) | [Amazon](#)
- Sunny Sweeney Delta Dawn [Spotify](#) | [Pandora](#) | [Amazon](#)
- Ashley Cooke High School Sweetheart [Spotify](#) | [Pandora](#) | [Amazon](#)
- Tigirlily Gold I Do Or Die [Spotify](#) | [Pandora](#) | [Amazon](#)
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- Kalsey Kulyk Little Boy [Spotify](#) | [Pandora](#) | [Amazon](#)
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- Chanel West Coast Down To The Filter [Spotify](#) | [Pandora](#) | [Amazon](#)
- Brettyn Rose The Wild West EP [Spotify](#) | [Pandora](#) | [Amazon](#)

Listen to all these songs, plus music from other kickass women, including all our featured guests, on the Girl Crush Country Playlist on [Spotify](#) and on [Pandora](#).

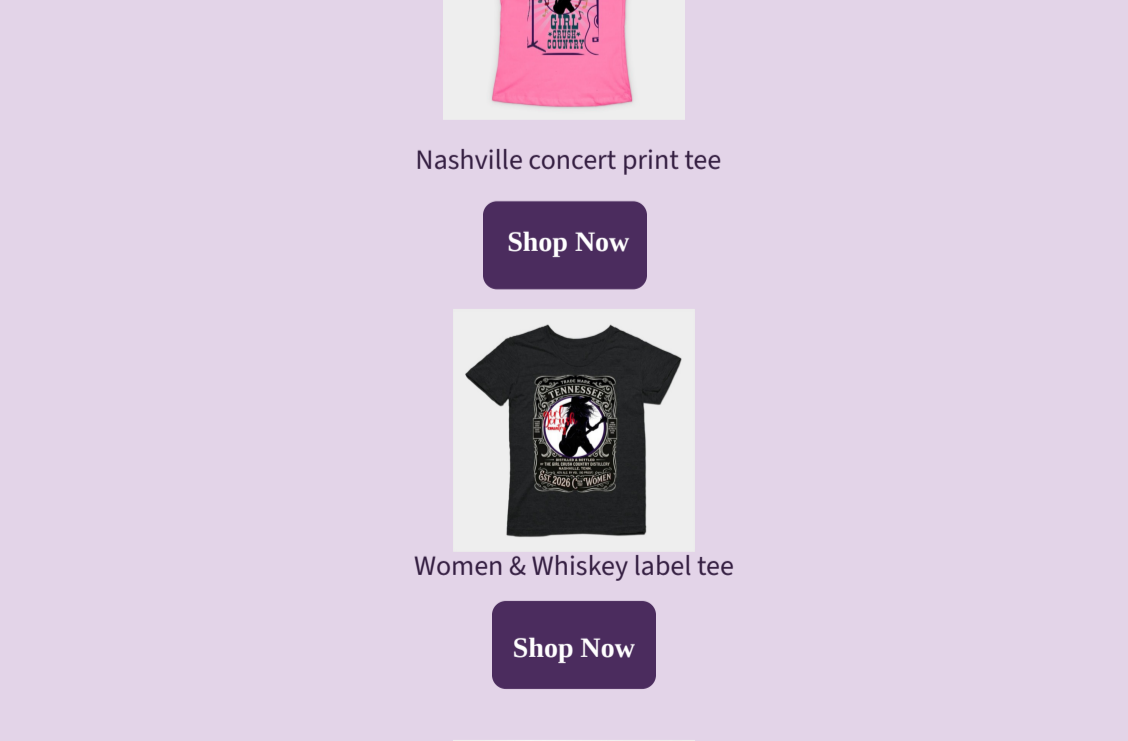
birthday queens

Girl Crushes celebrating birthdays this week:

- Kaitlin Butts

The fits

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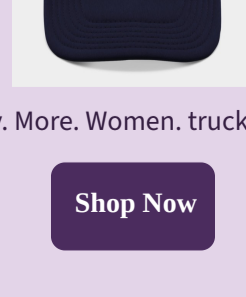


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