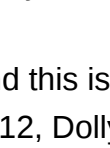




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Welcome to Girl Crush Country!



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Well, that's embarrassing -- the wrong version of the newsletter, which was written before the ACMs were over, was sent this morning. Here's the right one!

It's a good week for women in country music! The ACMs were girl-powered; Lainey Wilson got married a week before her birthday; and it's MY birthday today. If that's not a reason for everybody to eat cake, I don't know what is.

And this is a historically good week for women in country, too. This week in 2012, Dolly Parton's "Coat of Many Colors" was selected by the U.S. Library of Congress for preservation in the national Recording Registry, and honor for music that is "culturally, historically, or aesthetically significant." Yep, that fits.

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Jess Wright, Creator/Host



girl talks

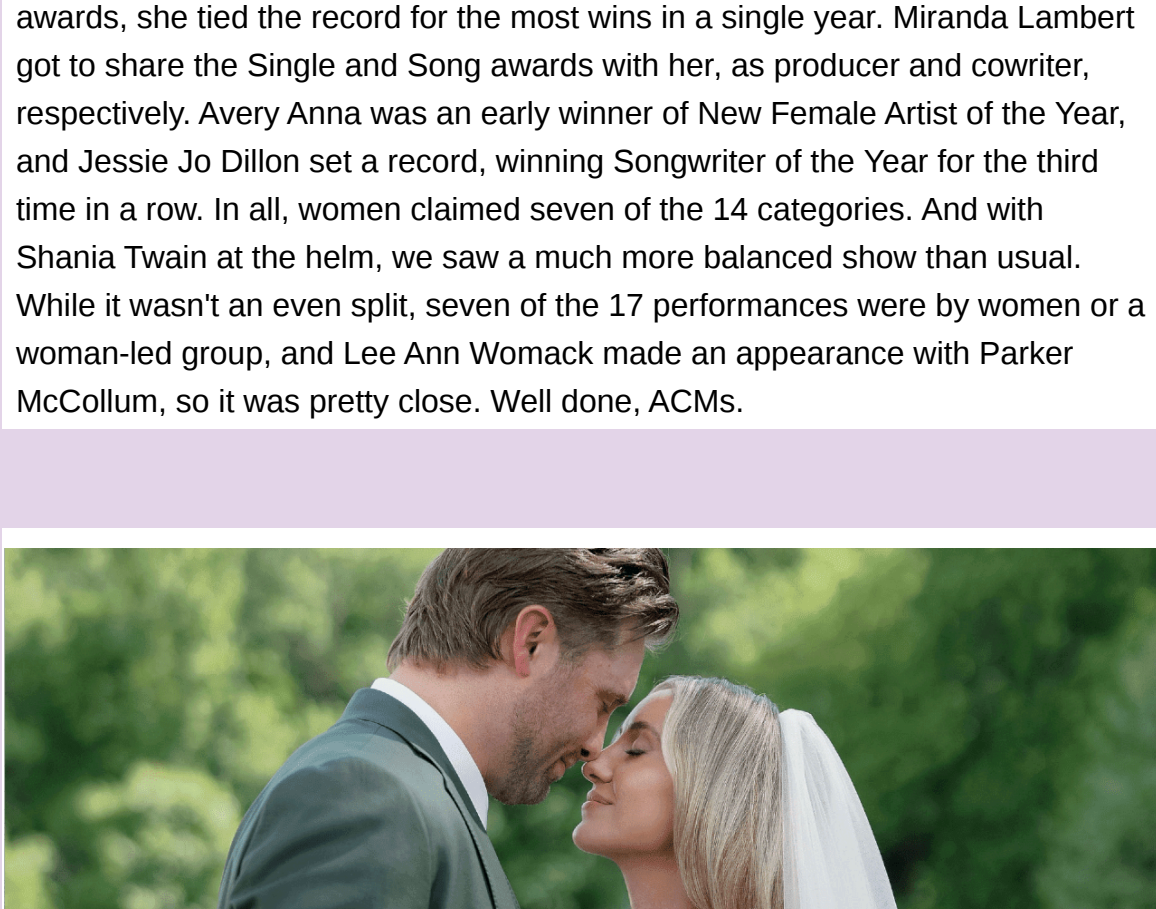


FEATURED GIRL CRUSH

Neah McMeen

Rising country artist Neah McMeen joins *Girl Crush Country* to share her journey from a 25-person hometown to the big small town that is Nashville. Neah opens up about taking a leap of faith, navigating the challenges of the music industry, and building meaningful connections that have already led to major opportunities -- from performing during CMA Fest to collaborating with legendary songwriters. As she prepares to release her debut EP featuring songs she co-wrote, Neah is finding her voice, growing her confidence, and proving that authenticity resonates. [Watch the full interview here.](#)

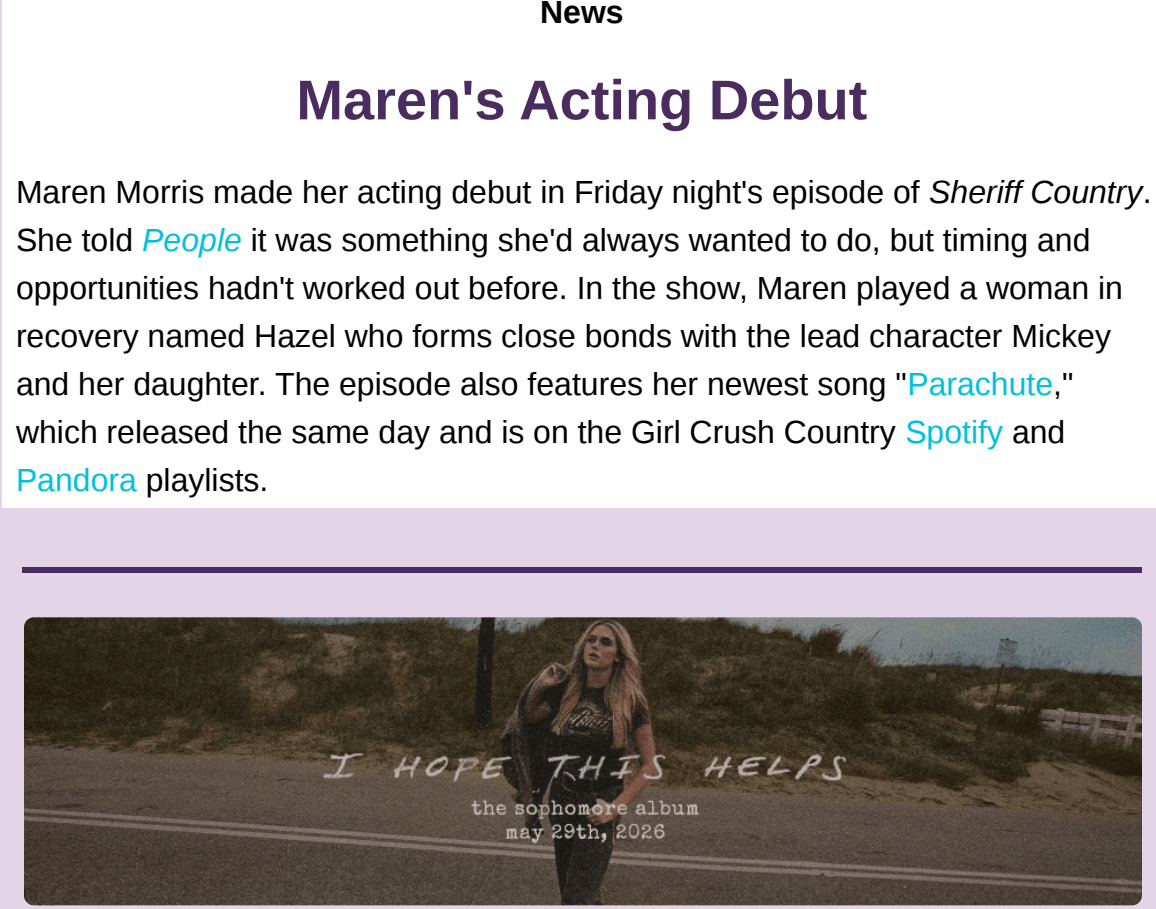
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ACM Awards

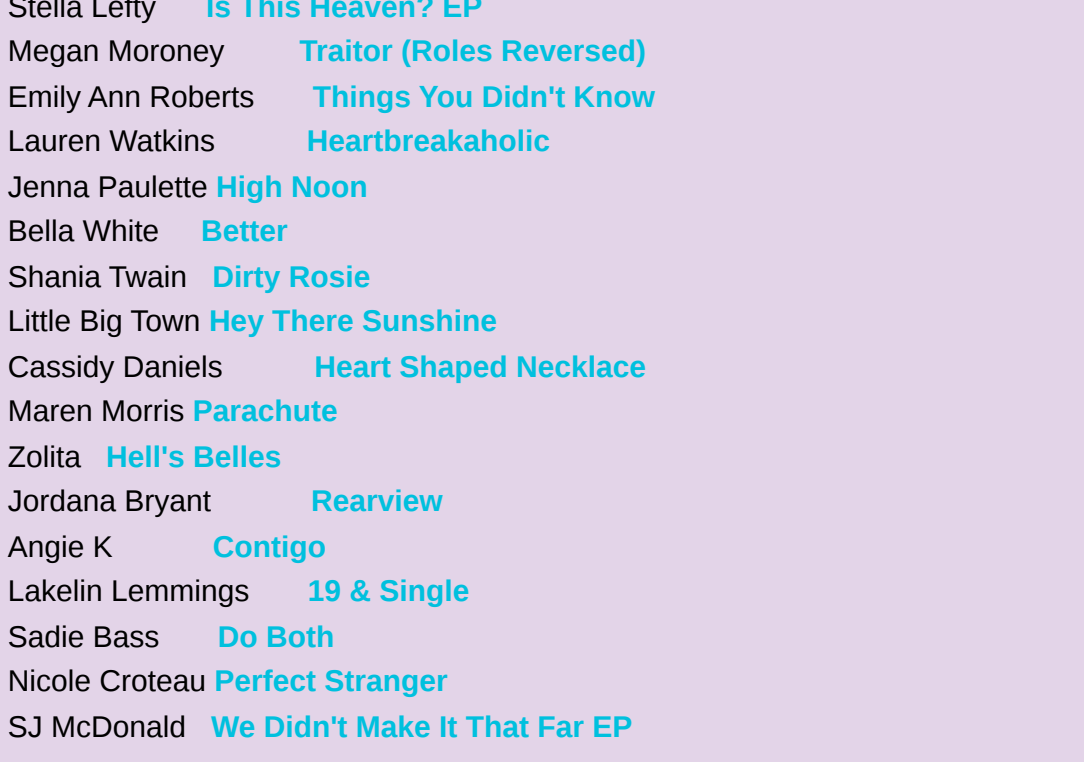
"Thank you to the women -- I would not be standing up here without them." That was what Ella Langley said when she finally got the words out to accept her fifth award of the night, for Female Artist of the Year, at last night's 61st *ACM Awards*. Ella was the most awarded artist of the night, also claiming Single, Song, Musical Event, and Artist-Songwriter of the Year, and with seven total awards, she tied the record for the most wins in a single year. Miranda Lambert got to share the Single and Song awards with her, as producer and cowriter, respectively. Avery Anna was an early winner of New Female Artist of the Year, and Jessie Jo Dillon set a record, winning Songwriter of the Year for the third time in a row. In all, women claimed seven of the 14 categories. And with Shania Twain at the helm, we saw a much more balanced show than usual. While it wasn't an even split, seven of the 17 performances were by women or a woman-led group, and Lee Ann Womack made an appearance with Parker McCollum, so it was pretty close. Well done, ACMs.



News

Lainey Got Hitched

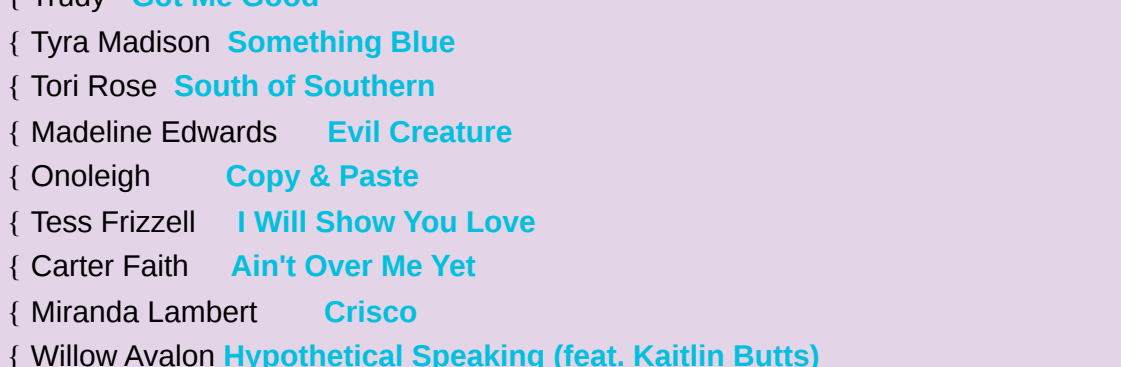
Lainey Wilson and Devlin "Duck" Hodges are officially married as of last Sunday, May 10. Lainey [shared photos](#) last week and they are stunning. And you might notice Lainey actually wore a dress -- she told *Vogue* it was her first. The ceremony took place at the foot of a waterfall in Dickson, TN, just outside Nashville. Congratulations and best wishes to them both.



News

Maren's Acting Debut

Maren Morris made her acting debut in Friday night's episode of *Sheriff Country*. She told *People* it was something she'd always wanted to do, but timing and opportunities hadn't worked out before. In the show, Maren played a woman in recovery named Hazel who forms close bonds with the lead character Mickey and her daughter. The episode also features her newest song "Parachute," which released the same day and is on the Girl Crush Country [Spotify](#) and [Pandora](#) playlists.



the drops

The freshest Girl Crush Country music:

- { Mackenzie Carpenter [High Pony](#)
- { Sammi Palinkas [Dollar Signs](#)
- { Trudy [Got Me Good](#)
- { Tyra Madison [Something Blue](#)
- { Tori Rose [South of Southern](#)
- { Madeline Edwards [Evil Creature](#)
- { Onoleigh [Copy & Paste](#)
- { Tess Frizzell [I Will Show You Love](#)
- { Carter Faith [Ain't Over Me Yet](#)
- { Miranda Lambert [Crisco](#)
- { Willow Avalon [Hypothetical Speaking \(feat. Kaitlin Butts\)](#)
- { Stella Lefty [Is This Heaven? EP](#)
- { Megan Moroney [Traitor \(Roles Reversed\)](#)
- { Emily Ann Roberts [Things You Didn't Know](#)
- { Lauren Watkins [Heartbreakaholic](#)
- { Jenna Paulette [High Noon](#)
- { Bella White [Better](#)
- { Shania Twain [Dirty Rosie](#)
- { Little Big Town [Hey There Sunshine](#)
- { Cassidy Daniels [Heart Shaped Necklace](#)
- { Maren Morris [Parachute](#)
- { Zolita [Hell's Belles](#)
- { Jordana Bryant [Rearview](#)
- { Angie K [Contigo](#)
- { Lakelin Lemmings [19 & Single](#)
- { Sadie Bass [Do Both](#)
- { Nicole Croteau [Perfect Stranger](#)
- { SJ McDonald [We Didn't Make It That Far EP](#)

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](#).

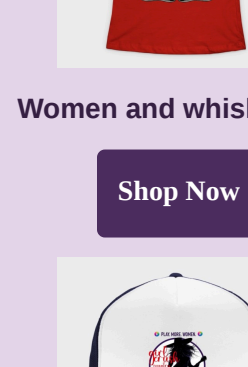
birthday queens

Girl Crushes celebrating birthdays this week:

- Lainey Wilson

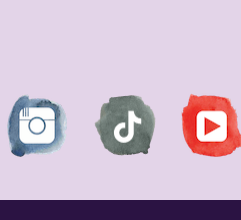
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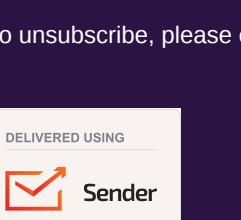
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