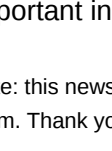


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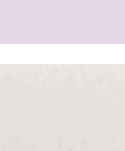
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Happy Pride! We're sending love and hopes for safety and peace to all our friends attending Pride celebrations around the country this month, and always.

For this week's look at women historically shaping country music, we celebrate **Brandi Carlile**, whose birthday is today (6/1) and she's done so much to break down the arbitrary barriers set in the genre. From expanding the boundaries of representation for queer artists to challenging the exclusion of women in country, Brandi's advocacy has been important in making the genre more accessible to everyone. Happy birthday, Brandi!

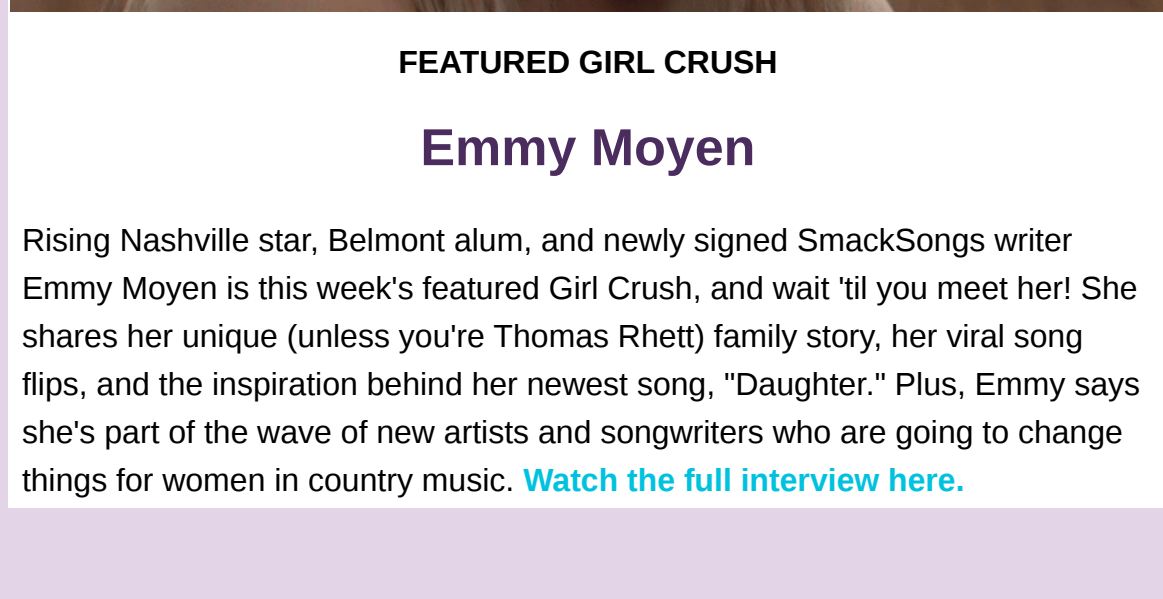
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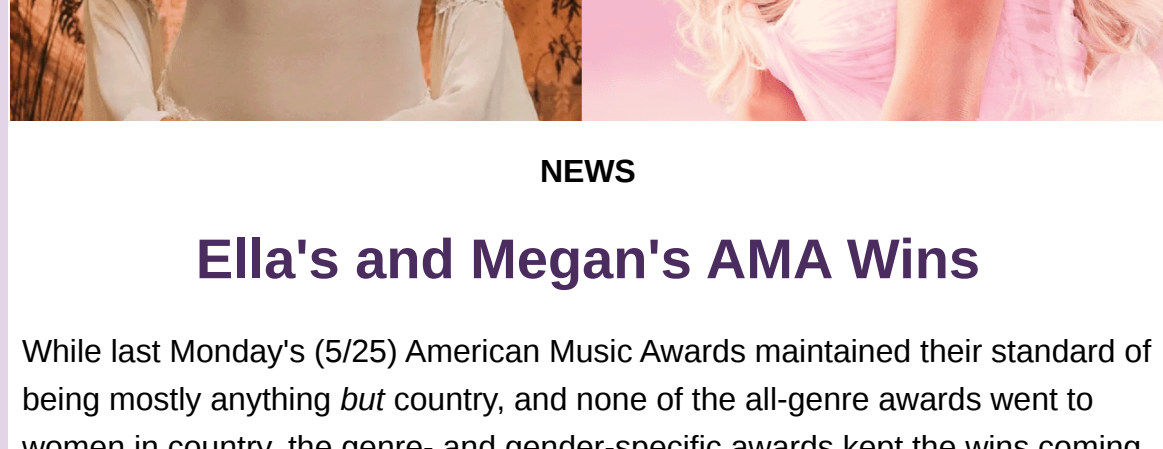


FEATURED GIRL CRUSH

Emmy Moyer

Rising Nashville star, Belmont alum, and newly signed SmackSongs writer Emmy Moyer is this week's featured Girl Crush, and wait 'til you meet her! She shares her unique (unless you're Thomas Rhett) family story, her viral song flips, and the inspiration behind her newest song, "Daughter." Plus, Emmy says she's part of the wave of new artists and songwriters who are going to change things for women in country music. [Watch the full interview here.](#)

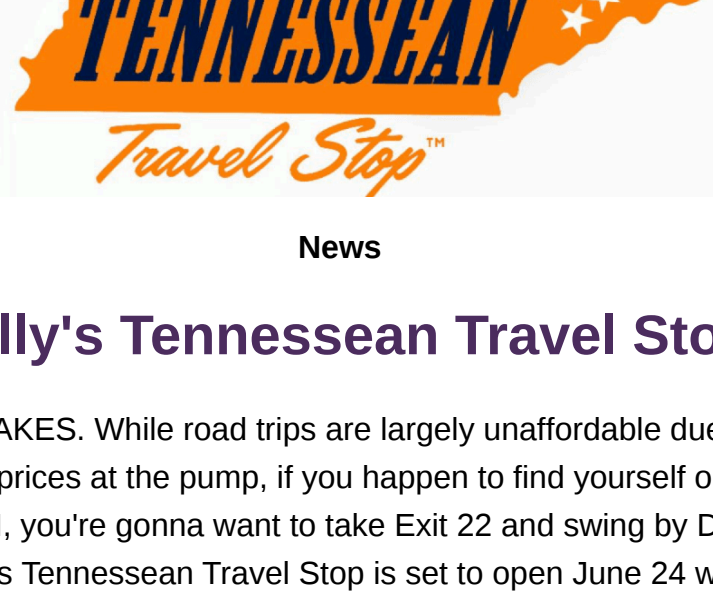
The tea



NEWS

Ella's and Megan's AMA Wins

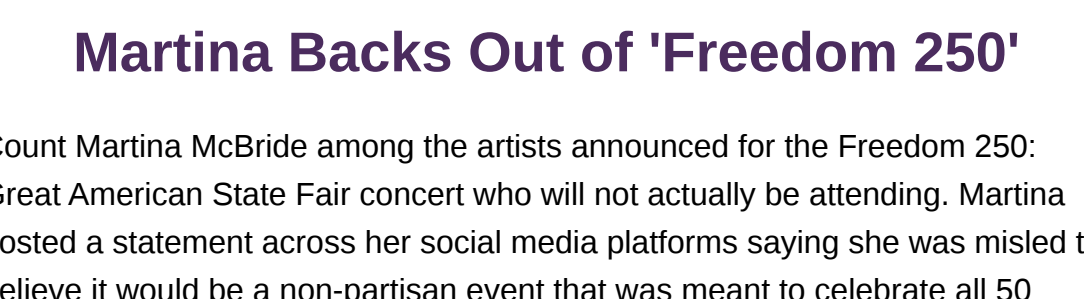
While last Monday's (5/25) American Music Awards maintained their standard of being mostly anything *but* country, and none of the all-genre awards went to women in country, the genre- and gender-specific awards kept the wins coming for Ella Langley and Megan Moroney. Ella won Best Female Country Artist and Best Country Song for "Choosin' Texas." Megan grabbed the trophy for Best Country Album for *Cloud 9*. Well-deserved recognition for them both!



News

Dolly's Tennessean Travel Stop

PUMP THE BRAKES. While road trips are largely unaffordable due to the current state of the pump, if you happen to find yourself on I-65 in newersville, TN, you're gonna want to take Exit 22 and swing with Dolly Parton's new spot. Dolly's Tennessean Travel Stop is set to open June 24 with the expected food, fuel, and travel amenities, and the unexpected entertainment and experiences, including stages, lounges, and live music performances. It will even have an Instagram-worthy tour bus inspired by Dolly's. This is the first of many planned locations.



News

Martina Backs Out of 'Freedom 250'

Count Martina McBride among the artists announced for the Freedom 250: Great American State Fair concert who will not actually be attending. Martina posted a statement across her social media platforms saying she was misled to believe it would be a non-partisan event that was meant to celebrate all 50 states. Then, she said, things started changing, and what she and her team were told was true. She said, "I've spent my entire career singing about real people with real issues. I've been blessed with the opportunity to be a voice for those who have felt like they didn't have one. It greatly upsets me that any fan who has been moved by my music may now feel like I'm abandoning the meaning behind those songs. I assure you, that is not the case."



The drops

The freshest Girl Crush Country music:

- Jada Cato [Strange Times](#)
- Alana Springsteen [I HOPE THIS HELPS](#) (album)
- The Band Perry [Kill It](#)
- Gabriella Rose [I Just Wanna Be Loved](#) (album)
- Kaitlin Butts [Never Really Mine](#)
- Little Big Town [Over and Over](#)
- Sara Berki [One Hand In the Cookie Jar](#)
- Dasha [Mad About It](#)
- Lauren Alaina [Better Off](#)
- Tenille Townes [Sunshine's Free](#)
- Robyn Bell [Me For Me](#)
- Robyn Ottolini [Wranglin' The Wind](#)
- Kaylee Rose [XY](#)
- Bellah Mae [Keep It Peachy EP](#)
- Jordana Bryant [Too Little Too Late](#)
- Jenna Davis [Hey Girly](#)
- Ashley Ryan [Ain't Dead Yet](#)
- Alexandra Kay [All I Really Want](#)
- Tyla Rodriguez [Honky Tonk Blues](#)
- Peytan Porter [Deep Cut - B Side EP](#)
- KC Bruner [Girls Are Goin' Out](#)
- Zoe Jean Fowler [Fireflies](#)
- Josie [Road Signs](#)
- Maddie Lenhart [Newton's First Law](#)
- Paige Somerville [Blue Houses](#)
- Valerie Gonzalez [Blame It On the Moonlight](#)
- Parker Graye [One Way](#)

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](#).

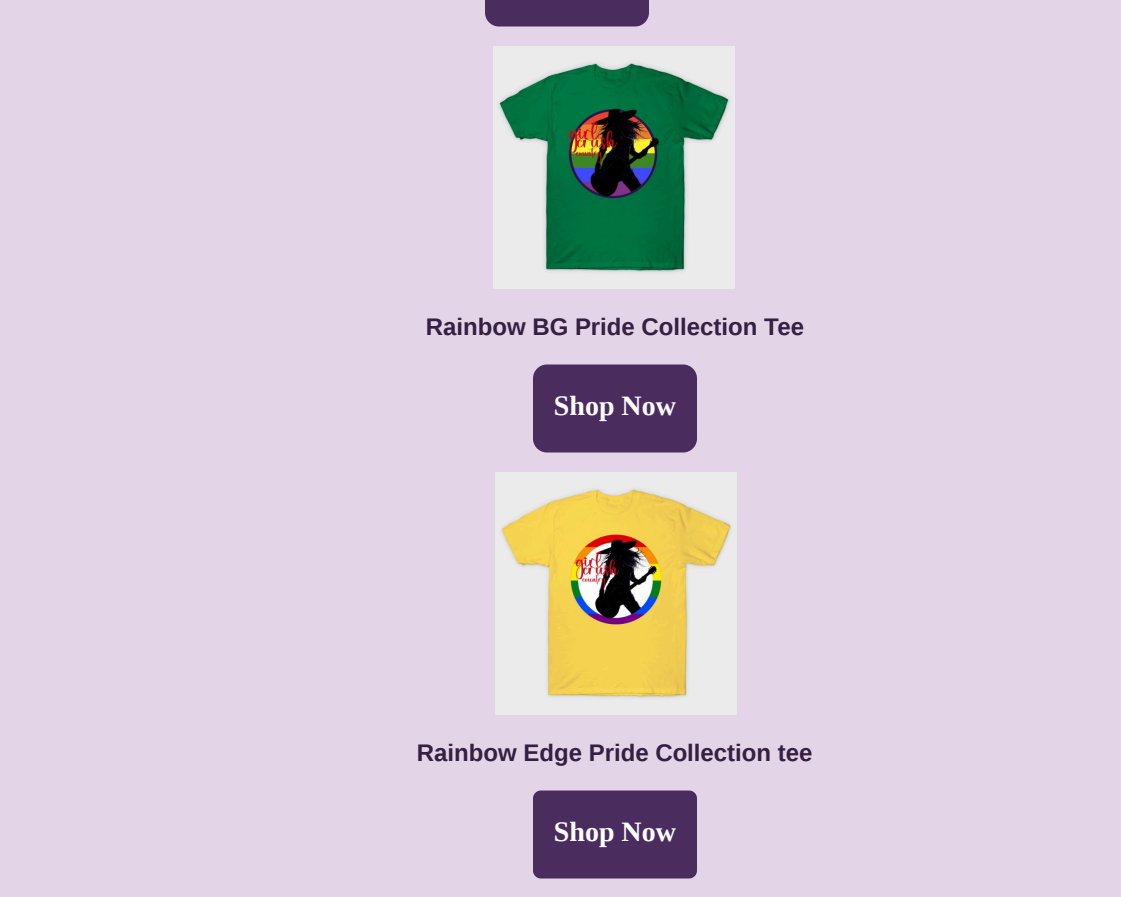
birthday queens

Girl Crushes celebrating birthdays this week:

- Brandi Carlile
- Jamie O'Neal
- Mackenzie Carpenter

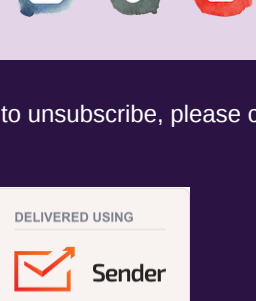
The fits

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