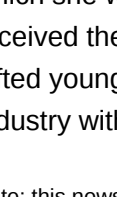




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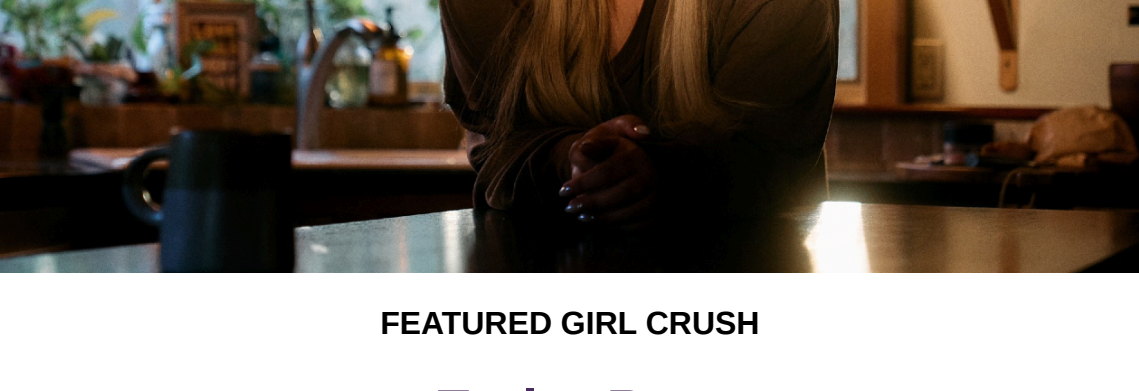
I'm so glad you're here! To say it's been a winning week for women in country music would be an understatement. Read on for wins from Taylor Swift (she's ours again!), Jo Dee Messina, Ella Langley, and more. Plus, meet our featured Girl Crush Taylor-Rae (also a winner).

Speaking of wins for Taylor Swift, this is a historically relevant week for her. It was June 19, 2006 when a 16-year-old Taylor released the song that started it all: "Tim McGraw," which she wrote in high school math class. Four years later, on June 17, 2010, she received the Hal David Starlight Award at the Songwriters Hall of Fame, which recognizes gifted young songwriters who have made an immediate, massive impact on the music industry with their original music. Given that, her big wins below are no surprise.

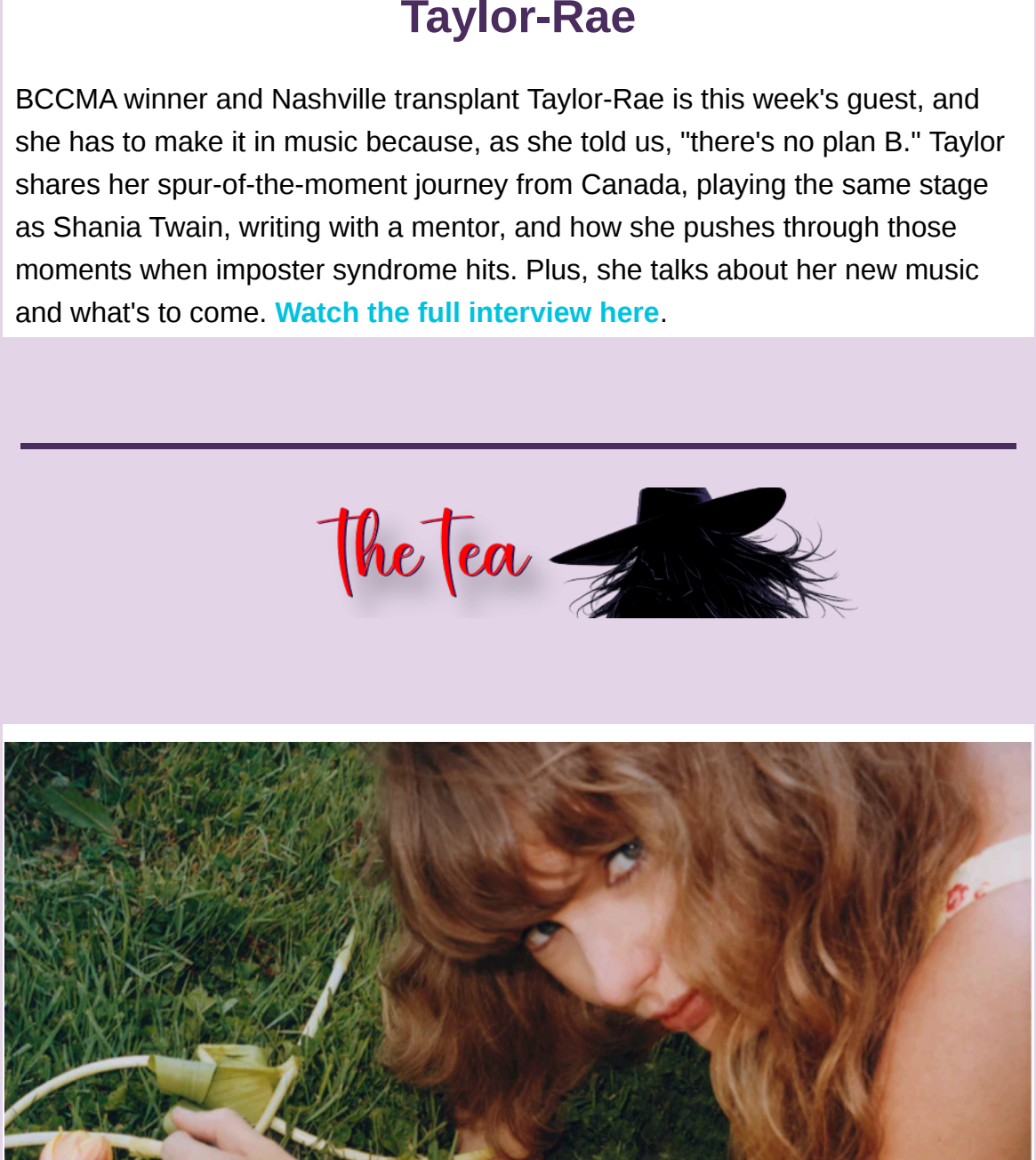
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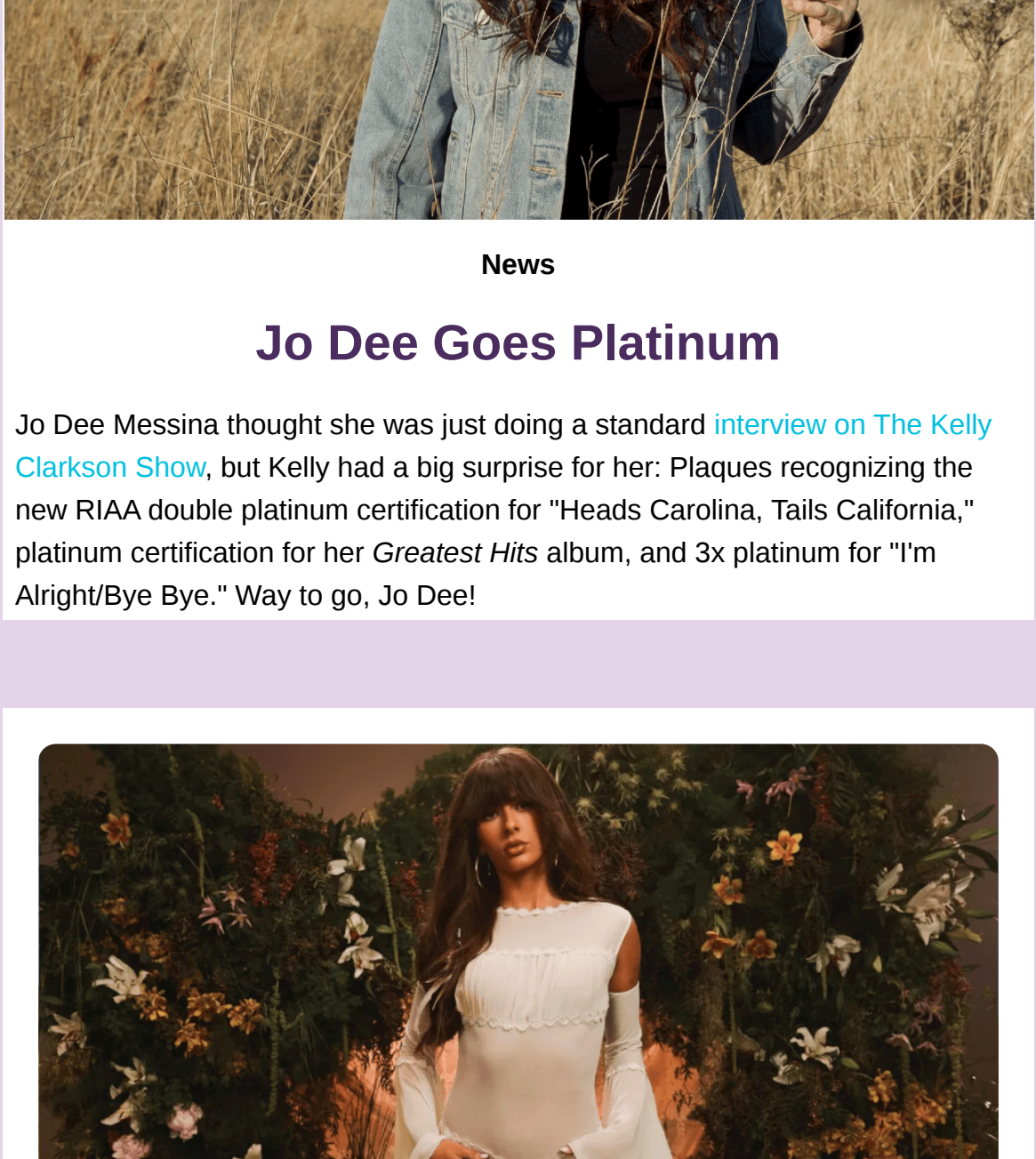


FEATURED GIRL CRUSH

Taylor-Rae

BCCMA winner and Nashville transplant Taylor-Rae is this week's guest, and she has to make it in music because, as she told us, "there's no plan B." Taylor shares her spur-of-the-moment journey from Canada, playing the same stage as Shania Twain, writing with a mentor, and how she pushes through those moments when imposter syndrome hits. Plus, she talks about her new music and what's to come. [Watch the full interview here.](#)

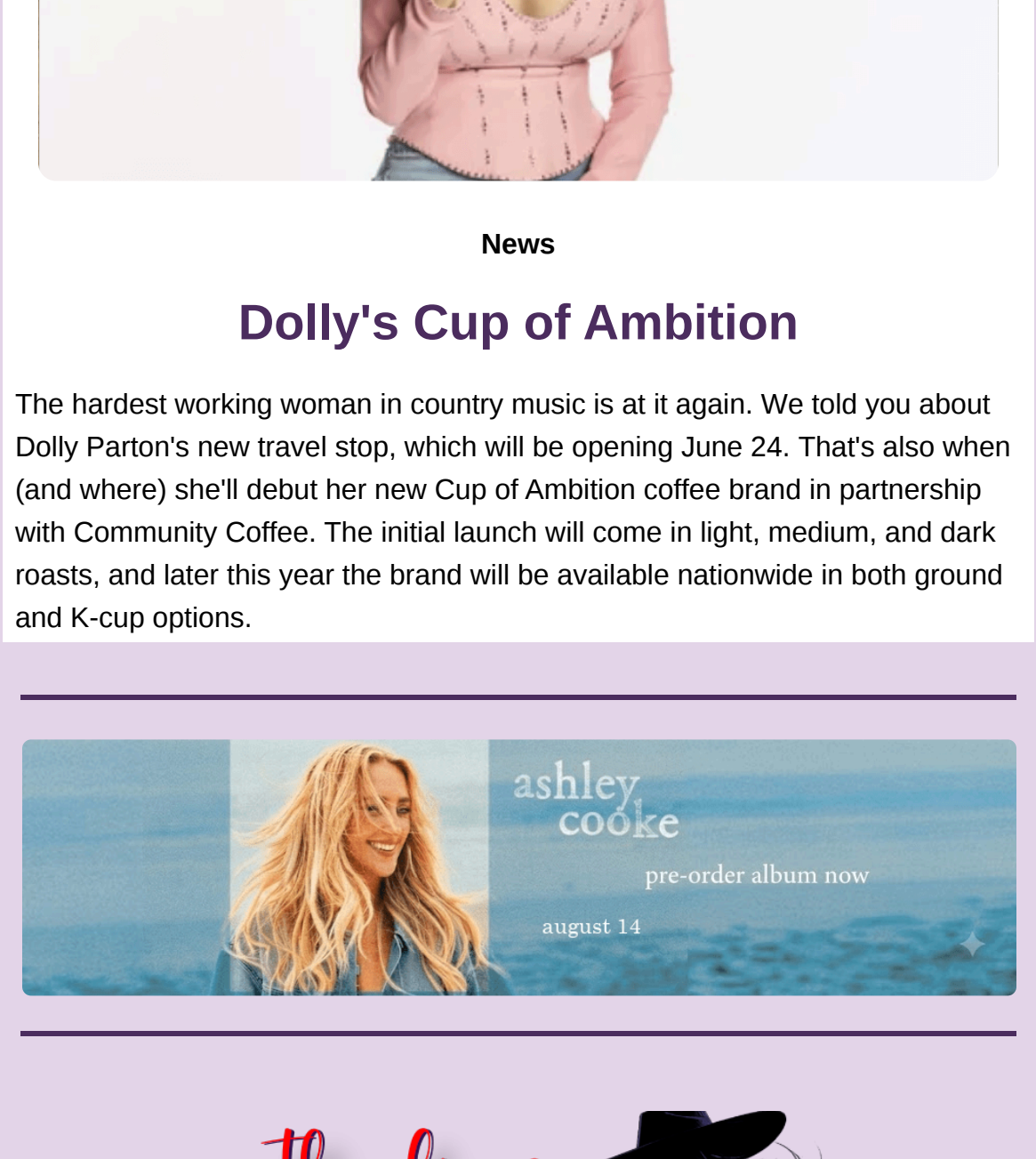
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Winning (Taylor's Version)

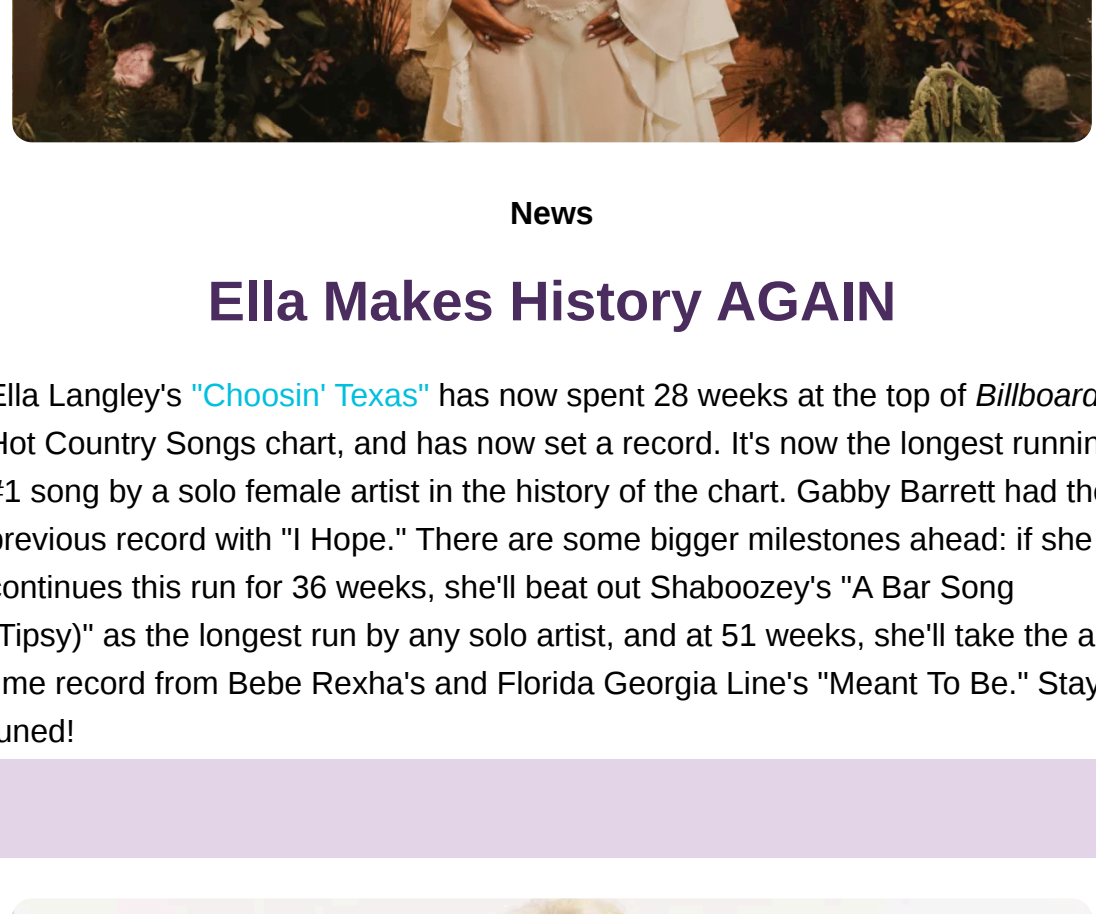
Have you heard Taylor Swift's new country (!!!) song, "I Knew It, I Knew You" from *Toy Story 5*? (Hint: it's on the [GCC playlist!](#)) She released it June 5 and by last Monday every country radio station in the US that contributes to the charts had added it. It's called "closing out the panel" and it's never been done by a woman on opening day (the first day of the chart following the release). Tay's good news didn't stop there. On Thursday, she was inducted into the Songwriters Hall of Fame, and at 36, she's the youngest woman to ever get the honor. BIG congrats, girl!



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Jo Dee Goes Platinum

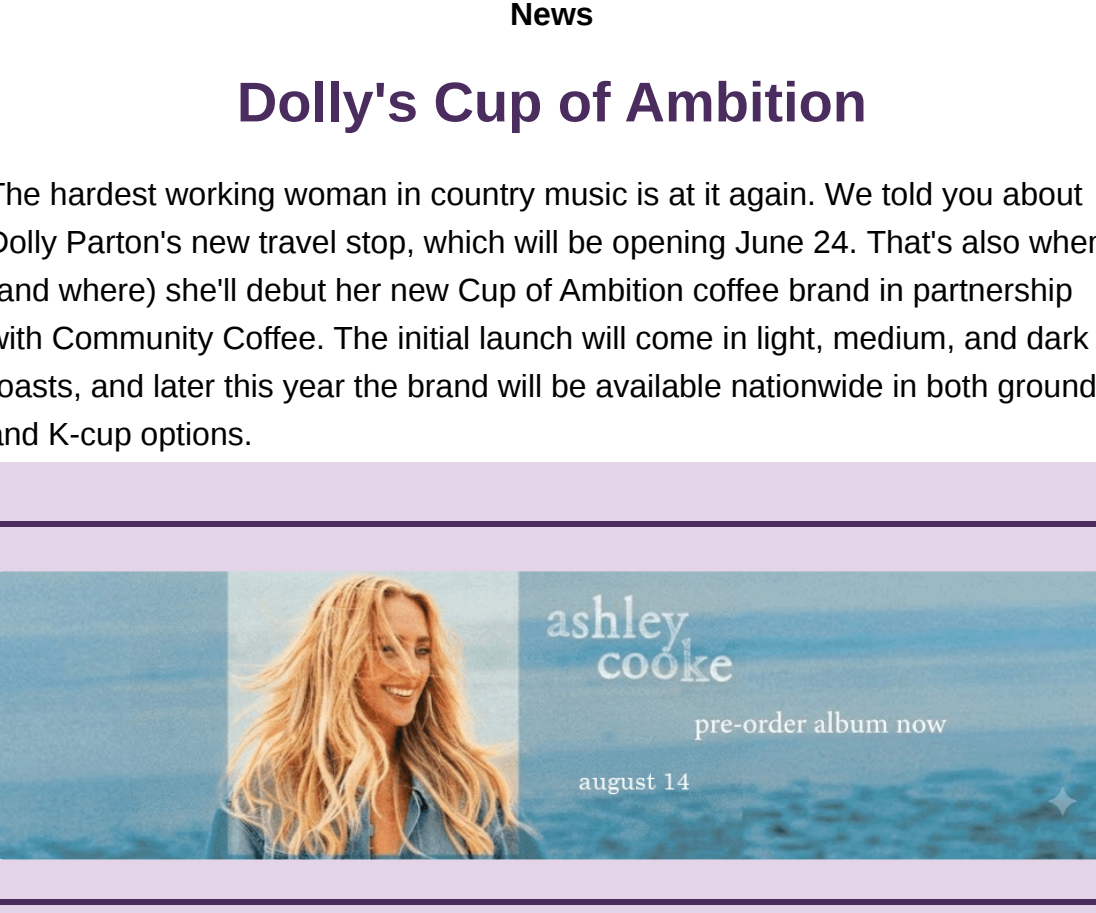
Jo Dee Messina thought she was just doing a standard [interview on The Kelly Clarkson Show](#), but Kelly had a big surprise for her: Plaques recognizing the new RIAA double platinum certification for "Heads Carolina, Tails California," platinum certification for her *Greatest Hits* album, and 3x platinum for "I'm Alright/Bye Bye." Way to go, Jo Dee!



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Ella Makes History AGAIN

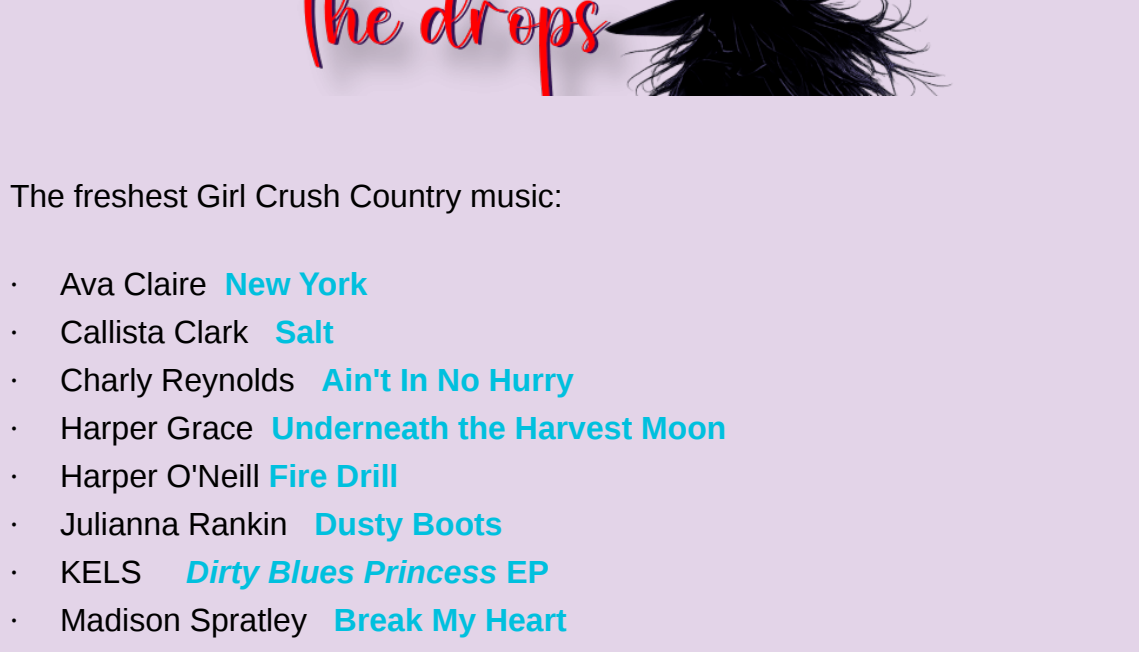
Ella Langley's "Choosin' Texas" has now spent 28 weeks at the top of *Billboard's* Hot Country Songs chart, and has now set a record. It's now the longest running #1 song by a solo female artist in the history of the chart. Gabby Barrett had the previous record with "I Hope." There are some bigger milestones ahead: if she continues this run for 36 weeks, she'll beat out Shaboozey's "A Bar Song (Tipsy)" as the longest run by any solo artist, and at 51 weeks, she'll take the all-time record from Bebe Rexha's and Florida Georgia Line's "Meant To Be." Stay tuned!



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Dolly's Cup of Ambition

The hardest working woman in country music is at it again. We told you about Dolly Parton's new travel stop, which will be opening June 24. That's also when (and where) she'll debut her new Cup of Ambition coffee brand in partnership with Community Coffee. The initial launch will come in light, medium, and dark roasts, and later this year the brand will be available nationwide in both ground and K-cup options.



The drops

The freshest Girl Crush Country music:

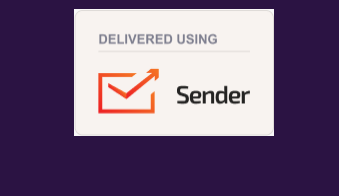
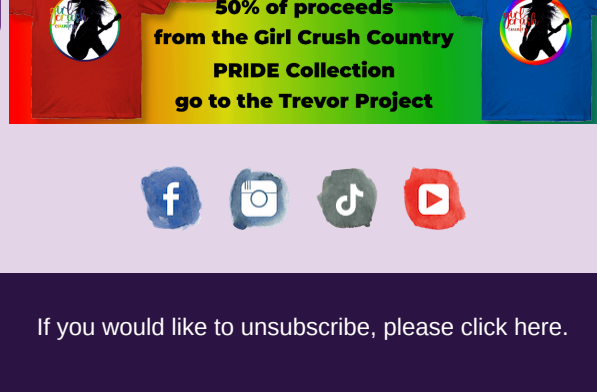
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- Julianna Rankin [Dusty Boots](#)
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- Madison Spratley [Break My Heart](#)
- Onoleigh [Waited Too Long](#)
- Paige Fish [Looking Forward To Looking Back](#)
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- Rose Falcon [Redneck Blue](#)
- Stacey Kelleher [Laugh About It](#)
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- Taylor-Rae [Messy](#)
- Tenille Arts [Lonely Weekend](#)
- Willow Avalon [Work To Do](#)
- Wynonna [Kentucky Queen](#)

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