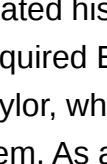




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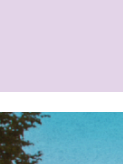


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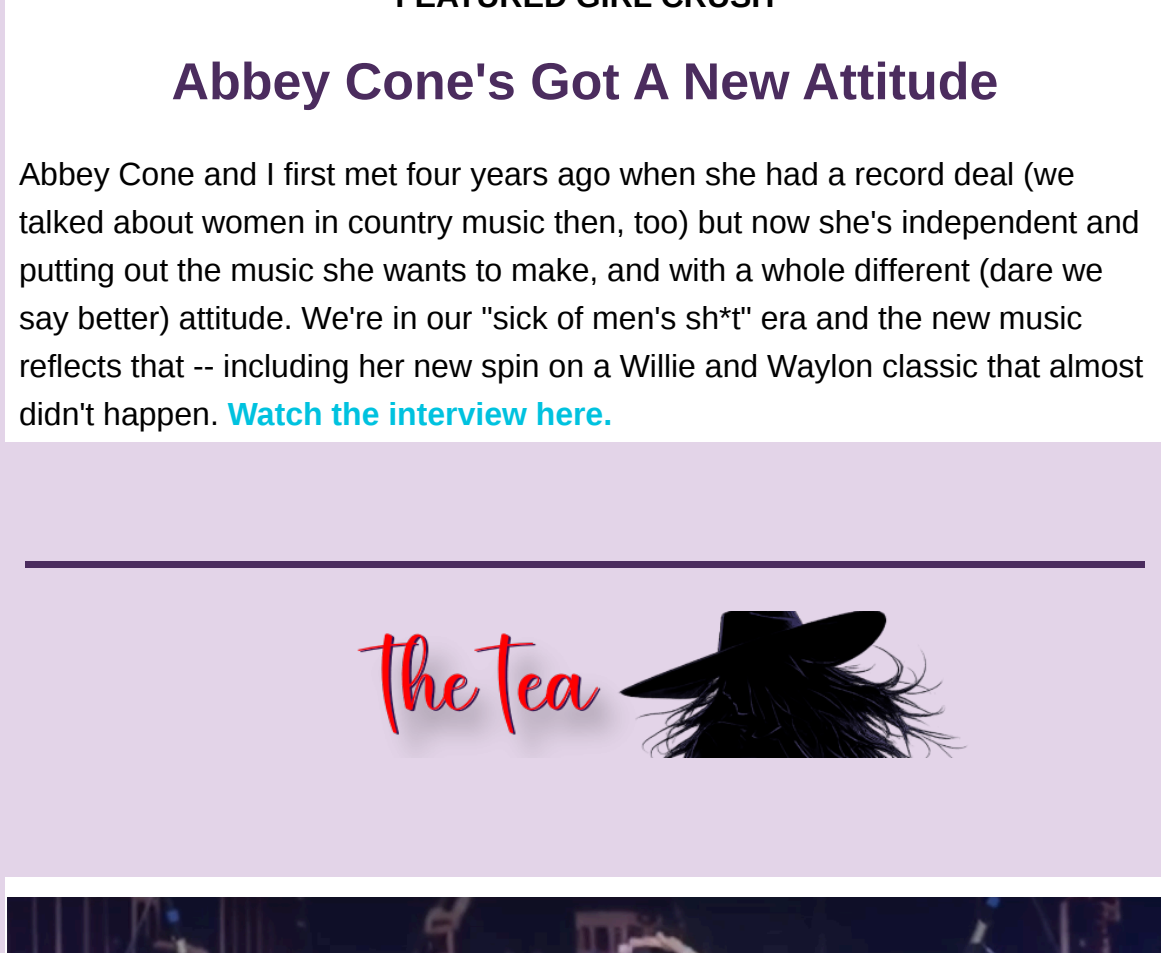
I'm glad you're here! We've got lots of fun stuff to talk about this week, including women lifting each other up, showing each other off, and winning so hard.

Since Taylor Swift is in our news stories this week, let's talk about some Taylor-related history. It was June 30, 2019 that Scooter Braun's Ithaca Holdings acquired Big Machine Label Group for \$300 million, facing vocal opposition by Taylor, who didn't want him owning the masters of her music and profiting from them. As a result, she re-recorded her entire back catalog (Taylor's Version), and changed the power dynamic between corporate record labels and artists.

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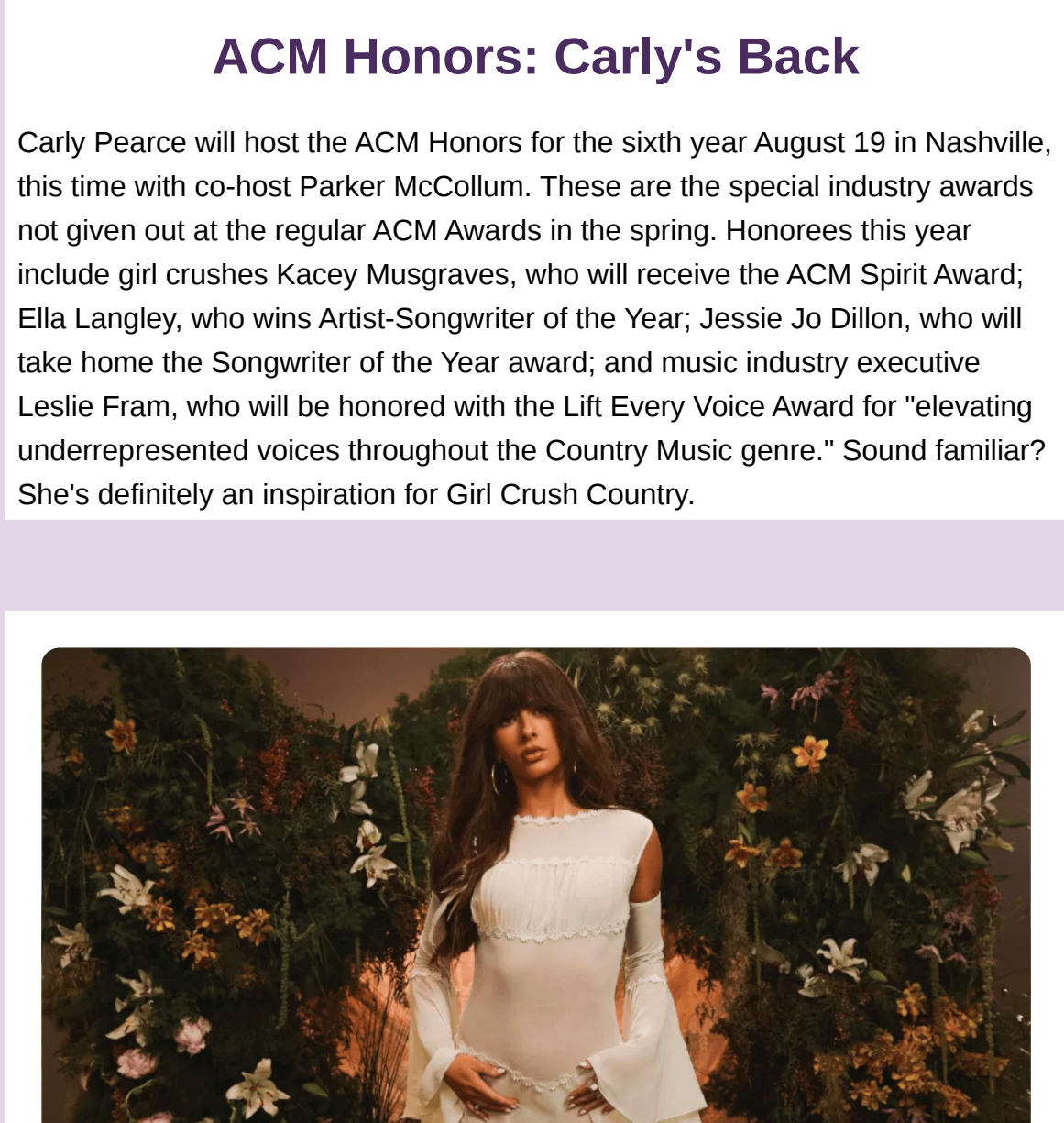
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Abbey Cone's Got A New Attitude

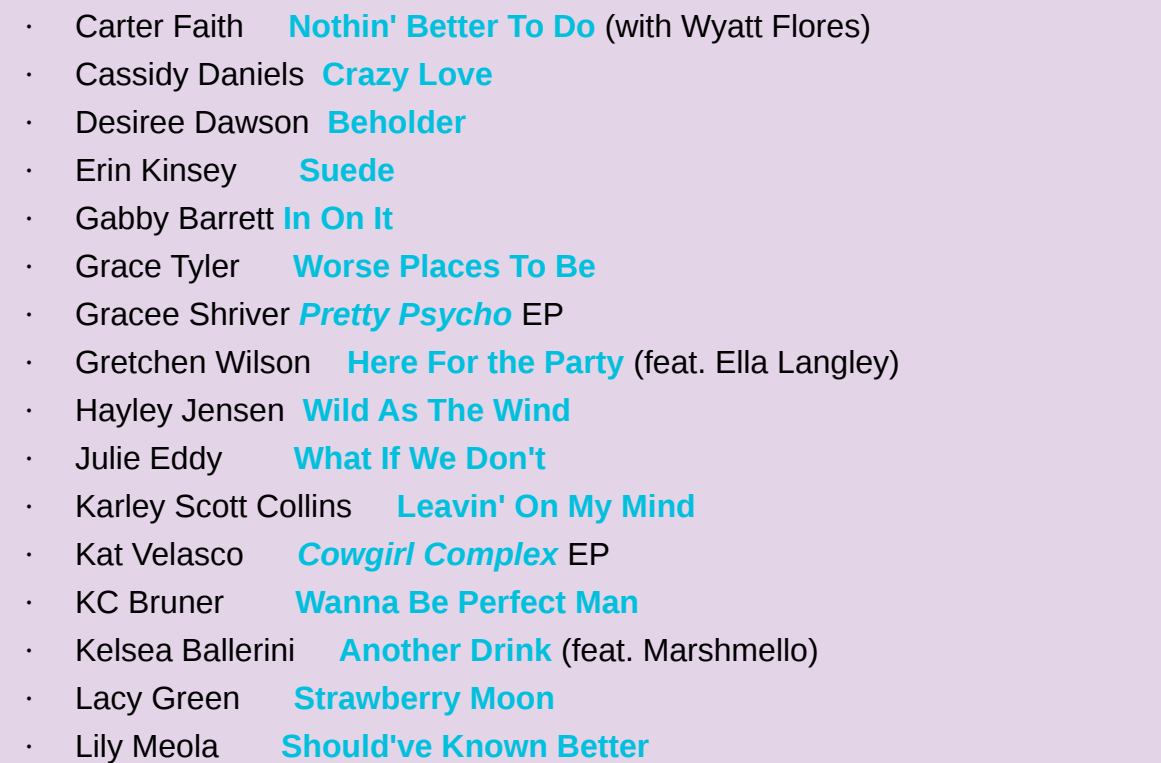
Abbey Cone and I first met four years ago when she had a record deal (we talked about women in country music then, too) but now she's independent and putting out the music she wants to make, and with a whole different (dare we say better) attitude. We're in our "sick of men's sh*t" era and the new music reflects that -- including her new spin on a Willie and Waylon classic that almost didn't happen. [Watch the interview here.](#)



NEWS

Lainey and Taylor Break The Internet

Surprise! There was Lainey Wilson, performing as expected at the Tight End University Tight Ends & Friends Concert in Nashville, when she unexpectedly brought out her friend Taylor Swift, and together they performed Tay's song "Love Story." OK, maybe it wasn't the biggest shock in the world. The event was co-founded by Taylor's fiancé Travis Kelce, and she's performed for it before. It brings together NFL tight ends for bonding and other bro activities, and she surprised the crowd last year, too. Still. Having Tay and Lainey together on one stage almost melted the internet with all the videos posted at once.



News

ACM Honors: Carly's Back

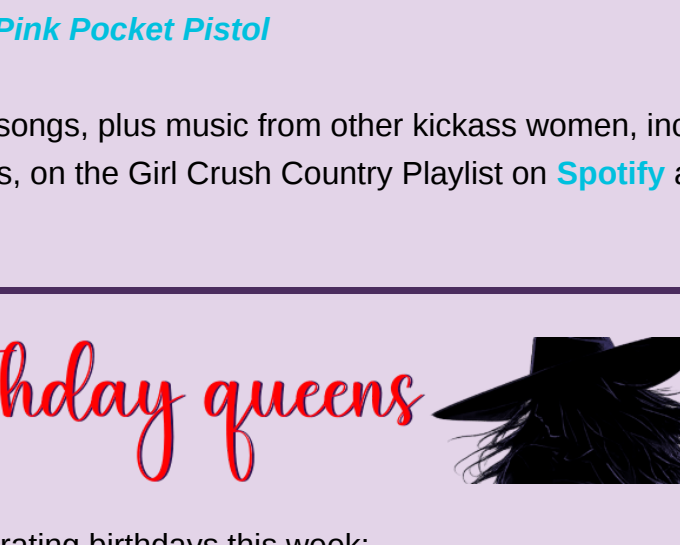
Carly Pearce will host the ACM Honors for the sixth year August 19 in Nashville, this time with co-host Parker McCollum. These are the special industry awards not given out at the regular ACM Awards in the spring. Honorees this year include girl crushes Kacey Musgraves, who will receive the ACM Spirit Award; Ella Langley, who wins Artist-Songwriter of the Year; Jessie Jo Dillon, who will take home the Songwriter of the Year award; and music industry executive Leslie Fram, who will be honored with the Lift Every Voice Award for "elevating underrepresented voices throughout the Country Music genre." Sound familiar? She's definitely an inspiration for Girl Crush Country.



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All Ella Does Is Win

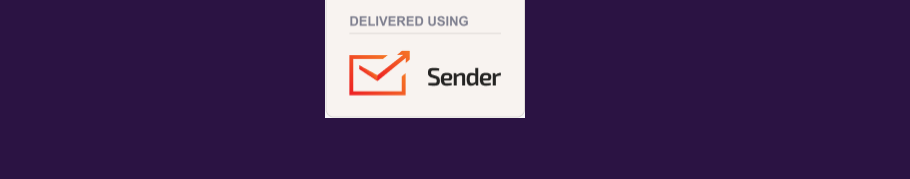
In a surprise to absolutely no one, Ella Langley got a stack of certifications from the RIAA last week. Her albums *Hungover* and *Dandelion* were both certified platinum -- that means they've sold more than a million units each -- as was her song "Be Her." She also hit 3x platinum for "Weren't For the Wind" and 4x platinum for "Choosin' Texas" and "You Look Like You Love Me" with Riley Green, and her three-year-old song "Paint the Town Blue" was certified gold.



The freshest Girl Crush Country music (click titles to listen):

- Abbie Callahan [OptiMYSTIC](#)
- Abigail Osborn [Take A Drink](#)
- Angie K [Whiskey & Hemingway](#)
- Belles [I Think You Like My Boyfriend \(a little too much\)](#)
- Carly Pearce [She Don't](#)
- Carter Faith [Nothin' Better To Do](#) (with Wyatt Flores)
- Cassidy Daniels [Crazy Love](#)
- Desiree Dawson [Beholder](#)
- Erin Kinsey [Suede](#)
- Gabby Barrett [In On It](#)
- Grace Tyler [Worse Places To Be](#)
- Gracey Shriver [Pretty Psycho](#) EP
- Gretchen Wilson [Here For the Party](#) (feat. Ella Langley)
- Hayley Jensen [Wild As The Wind](#)
- Julie Eddy [What If We Don't](#)
- Karley Scott [Leavin' On My Mind](#)
- Kat Velasco [Cowgirl Complex](#) EP
- KC Bruner [Wanna Be Perfect Man](#)
- Kelsea Ballerini [Another Drink](#) (feat. Marshmello)
- Lacy Green [Strawberry Moon](#)
- Lily Meola [Should've Known Better](#)
- Little Big Town [Sucker For A Sad Song](#) (with Ashley Monroe)
- Mackenzie Carpenter [Heart That Don't Break](#)
- Madison Hughes [You Were The Man](#)
- Maren Morris [HERO: A Second Wind](#)
- Miranda Lambert [Till The Going's Gone](#)
- Presley Haile [Silver Promise](#)
- Reba McEntire [Ain't Gonna Keep It Waitin'](#) EP
- Riley Roth [You Could Never](#)
- Savannah Jade [Kiss My Glass](#)
- Sela Campbell [Lovin' Made Me Mean](#) EP
- Shania Twain [Little Miss Twain](#) (feat Tanya Tucker)
- Willow Avalon [Pink Pocket Pistol](#)

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](#).



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- Kylie Morgan
- Elle King
- Sarah Buxton
- Harper Grae

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