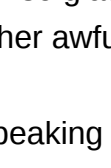




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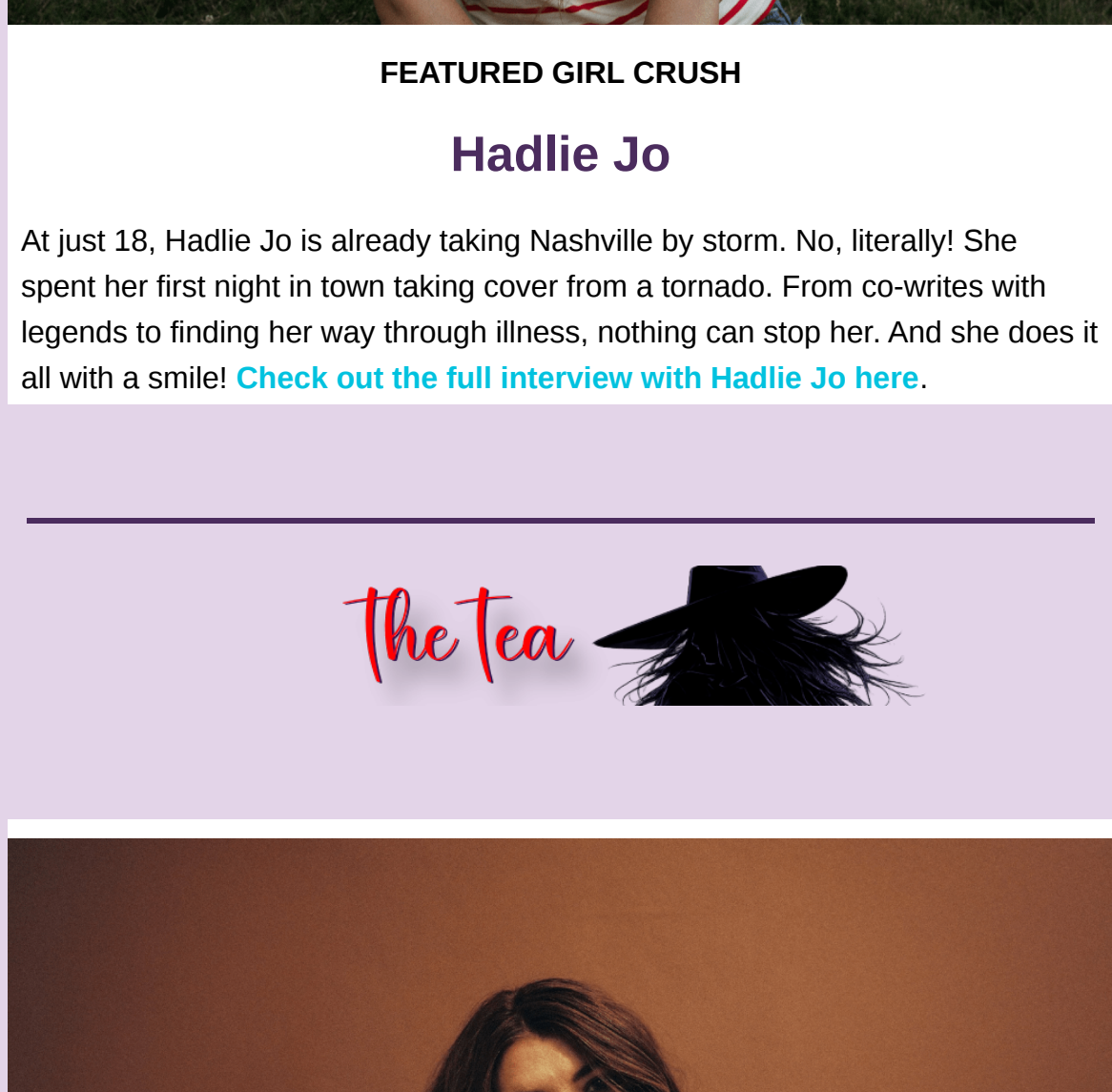
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Jess Wright, Creator/Host

I'm so glad you're here! Between parasitic lettuce, dangerous air quality, and other awful news this past week, did we shave our legs for this?

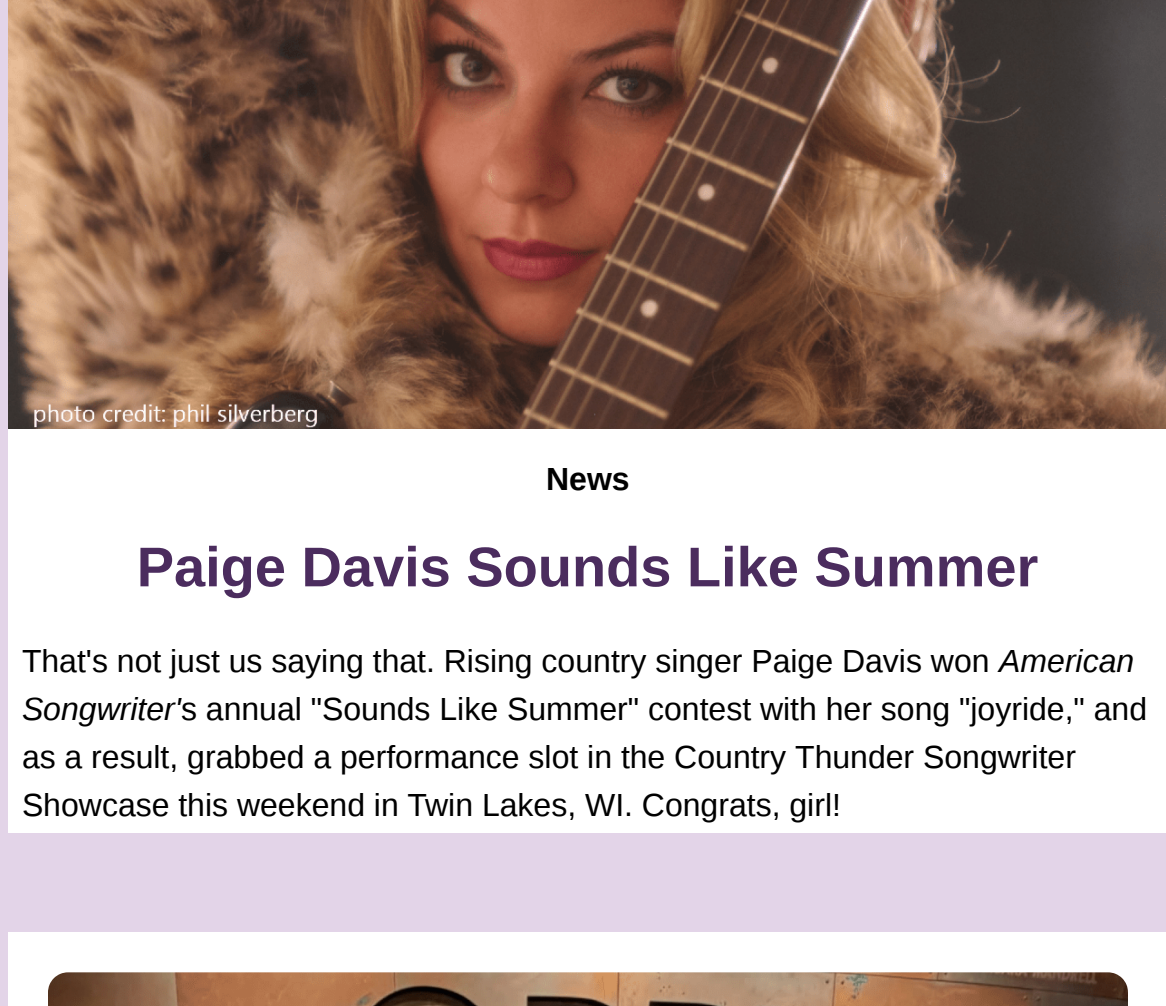
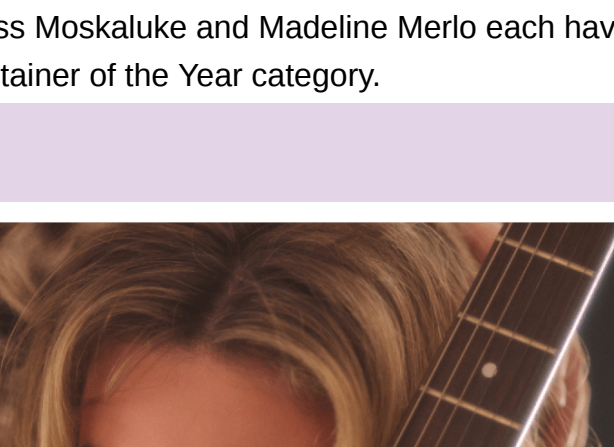
Speaking of which, it was this week in 1997 that Deana Carter's debut album *Did I Shave My Legs For This* was certified 3X Platinum for sales of 3 million units. And it got there fast -- after its September 1996 release, the album that brought us the generation-defining "Strawberry Wine," as well as "We Danced Anyway," "How Do I Get There," and "Count Me In" hit platinum by November and 2X platinum in February. Ultimately, by January 2000, the album hit 5X platinum for sales of more than 5 million units. ICONIC.



FEATURED GIRL CRUSH

Hadlie Jo

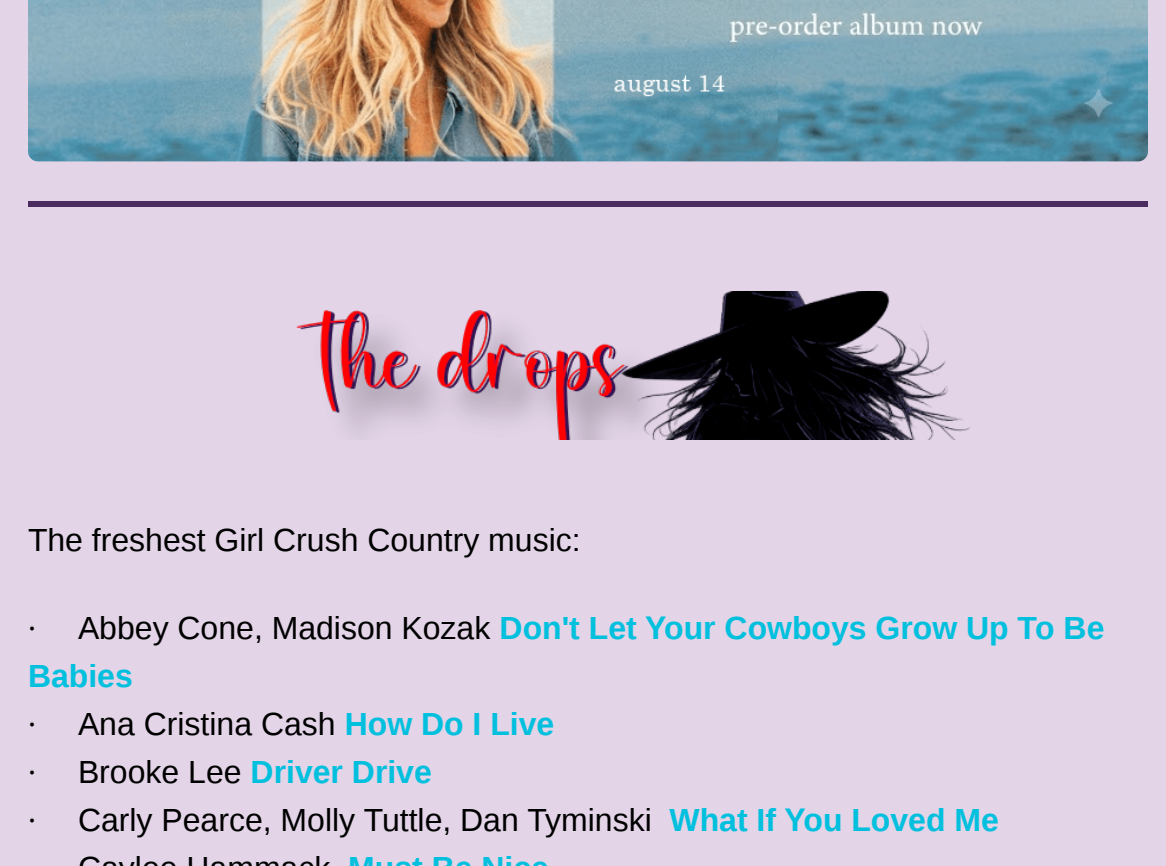
At just 18, Hadlie Jo is already taking Nashville by storm. No, literally! She spent her first night in town taking cover from a tornado. From co-writes with legends to finding her way through illness, nothing can stop her. And she does it all with a smile! [Check out the full interview with Hadlie Jo here.](#)



NEWS

Tenille Townes Leads Female CCMA Noms

The 2026 Canadian Country Music Association (CCMA) nominations came out this week, and much like the country music scene in the US, you have to work to find the names of women in the list outside the gender-specific categories. Tenille Townes had the most of any woman, with five: Female Artist, Musical Collaboration (with Nate Haller), Alternative Country Album, Single (with Nate Haller), and Songwriter of the Year. Meghan Patrick has three nominations, Sacha has two, and Jess Moskaluke and Madeline Merlo each have one. No women are in the Entertainer of the Year category.



News

Paige Davis Sounds Like Summer

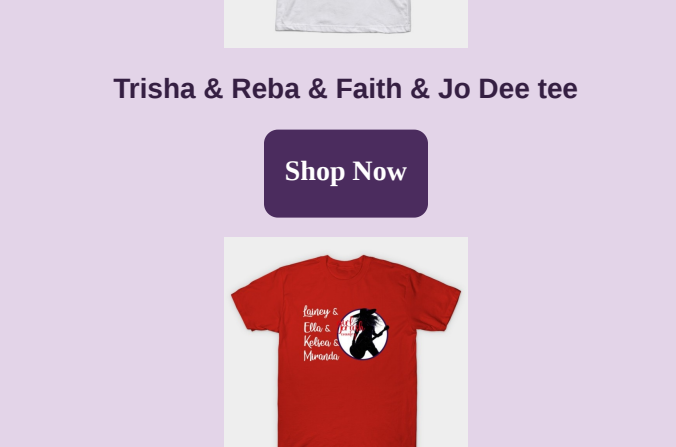
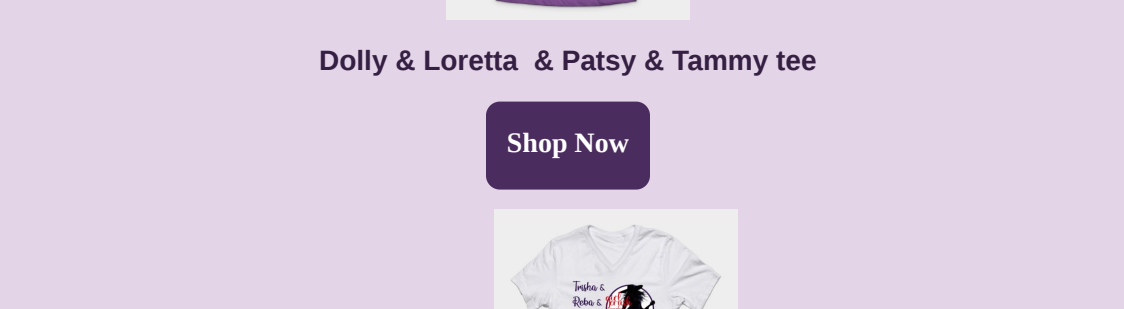
That's not just us saying that. Rising country singer Paige Davis won *American Songwriter's* annual "Sounds Like Summer" contest with her song "joyride," and as a result, grabbed a performance slot in the Country Thunder Songwriter Showcase this weekend in Twin Lakes, WI. Congrats, girl!



News

Tenille Arts's Sweet 16

Tenille Arts made her 16th appearance on the Grand Ole Opry stage recently. She performed her history-making #1 single "Somebody Like That" ([which she told us all about when she was featured on Girl Crush Country](#)) and her recent release "If Somebody Told Me You Were Dying." That one's on the Girl Crush Country playlist, of course.



The freshest Girl Crush Country music:

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- Laci Kaye Booth [Pathetic](#)
- Lauren Alaina [Never Been In Love](#) (feat. Kane Brown)
- Lily Meola [Lucky To Be](#)
- Mae Estes [The 90s Called](#)
- Maggie Rose [Weekend Lover & Used To It](#)
- McCall Chapin [The Universe Knows](#)
- Presley Haile [Hamilton Honey: Part 1](#) EP
- SJ McDonald [When the Whiskey Wears Off](#)
- Taylor Austin Dye [First](#)
- Valerie Ponzio [Graduate](#)

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](#).



Girl Crushes celebrating birthdays this week:

- Kalsey Kulyk
- Tiera Kennedy

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