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I'm so glad you're here! We're not *only* about supporting women in country music here. We're also about celebrating the women *doing the work* of supporting other women and their communities, and that's clear in the women throughout this week's issue. And by the way, if you find value in this newsletter, please help us grow and support the work by encouraging all the country music fans you know to subscribe.

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Jess Wright, Creator/Host



girl talks



FEATURED GIRL CRUSH

Stephanie Quayle

Stephanie Quayle's been in the business long enough to see what's really going on for women in country music, and she's bulldozing barriers and making things happen regardless of what the "rules" say. She joins Girl Crush Country to talk about how she became her own boss, how she turned trauma into healing for herself and for others, and the new music inspired in part by Dolly Parton's kind words. **Watch the full interview here.**

the tea



NEWS

Dolly Tribute Donation

Last week's "CMA Presents I Will Always Love You: A Celebration of Dolly Parton" was not only a star-studded tribute to our Matron Saint of Girl Crushes, it also became a major benefit to her Imagination Library. After performances that included Lainey Wilson, Ashley McBryde, Kelsea Ballerini, Ella Langley, Carly Pearce, Reba McEntire and more, the CMA partnered with Belmont University, the Walt Disney Company, and the Nashville Convention & Visitors Corp donated a combined $1 million to Dolly's literacy program that continues to provide free books to kids around the world. If you missed the show, you can catch it on Disney+ and Hulu.



NEWS

Kelsea Gives Back

Kelsea Ballerini went home to East Tennessee last week and brought Musicians On Call with her -- officially. Her charitable fund Feel Your Way Through funded the establishment of the MOC program at *Dolly Parton Children's Hospital* in Knoxville, which brings musicians to patient bedsides to provide live music for children, their families, and hospital staff. "Music is one of those things that just meets you where you are," Kelsea said. "Whatever you need, whether it's to smile, dance, celebrate, grieve or feel less alone, it's going to be there for you. I've gotten to do this with Musicians On Call for 11 years, and I know how important and magical these programs are. To be able to bring that here is truly a dream come true." You can **donate to Kelsea's fund here.**



NEWS

Megan Moroney's Secret Performance

Ok, the performance wasn't the secret -- Megan Moroney performed at last week's 2026 Victoria's Secret Fashion Show. Taylor Swift and Kelsea Ballerini are the only other country artists who've taken that stage (although Taylor had gone pop by then and Kelsea performed with the Chainsmokers, so both arguably brought pop performances). Meg brought several songs and all the sparkles, along with -- obviously -- some big fuzzy angel wings. If you missed it, you can **watch the show here.**



herstory

It was this week in 1971 that Dolly Parton release her eighth studio album, *Coat of Many Colors*. It went on to be nominated for CMA Album of the Year in 1972, and appeared on *Time*'s 100 Greatest Albums of All Time, *Rolling Stone*'s 500 Greatest Albums of All Time, and NPR's 150 Greatest Albums Made By Women.

the drops

The freshest Girl Crush Country music:

Allie Colleen	Our Turn
Bella McCormick	Dandy
Denitia	Can't Leave You Alone
Halle Kearns	Could've Been
Isabel Dumaa	Reverie
Jillian Edwards, Steve Moakler	If My Heart Was A Town
Kacey Musgraves	Weekend In Texas
Kassi Ashton	Any Place In Time
Kiana	Fixing You
Lakelin Lemmings	I Ain't For Everybody (Piano)
Mary Kutter	Damn I Love You
Megan Moroney	Say When
Melanie Dyer	*Daisies From Dirt*
Molly Tuttle	9 to 5 - Live
Piper Butcher	*Directions EP*
Stella Lefty, Bailey Zimmerman	My Kinda Love
Summer Overstreet	Call Me Candy
Velvet Cordes	I'm Not Mad I'm Just Done
Wooten Hill	*How Did We Get Here*

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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