



Thursday, April 7, 2016

NEWS

Legendary Merle Haggard Passes at 79



Singer, songwriter, guitarist, fiddler, bandleader and music legend **Merle Haggard** died on Wed., April 6, his 79th birthday. One of the most influential and revered artists in music, Haggard was a permanent fixture on the country charts for three decades. "The Hag," as he was known, placed 112 titles on the country charts, scored 71 Top 10 hits and had 38 No. 1 successes. He recorded more than 90 albums. To read the full tribute written by Robert K. Oermann, [click here](#).

American Country Countdown Awards

Luke Bryan leads this year's American Country Countdown Awards finalists list, with seven category nods, including Artist of the Year, Male Vocalist of the Year, two titles in for Song of the Year, Album of the Year, Digital Song of the Year and Touring Artist of the Year. **Sam Hunt** follows with five nominations, **Thomas Rhett** and **Zac Brown Band** each with four, and **Florida Georgia Line** with three. To read the full article, [click here](#).



CHART ACTION

New On The Chart —Debuting This Week

Artist/song/label—chart pos.

- Jason Aldean**/Lights Come On/Broken Bow—39
- Carrie Underwood**/Church Bells/Arista Nashville—44
- Mike Smith**/Little Bit Of Us/22 Records—77
- Martina McBride**/Reckless/Nash Icon— 78
- Camille Rae**/Shadows Dance Tonight/Break The Cycle Ent— 80

Greatest Spin Increase

Artist/song/label—Spin Increase

- Jason Aldean**/Lights Come On/Broken Bow—792
- Keith Urban**/Wasted Time/Capitol Nashville— 649
- Carrie Underwood**/Church Bells/Arista Nashville—629
- Kenny Chesney**/Noise/Columbia Nashville—479
- Luke Bryan**/Huntin', Fishin', Lovin' Every Day/Capitol Nashville— 385

Most Added

Artist/song/label—No. of Adds

- Jason Aldean**/Lights Come On/Broken Bow—50
- Carrie Underwood**/Church Bells/Arista Nashville—43
- Keith Urban**/Wasted Time/Capitol Nashville—37
- Kenny Chesney**/Noise/Columbia Nashville—16

On Deck—Soon To Be Charting

Artist/song/label—No. of Spins

- Ryan Broshear**/Spin Me/Painted Horse Records—158
- Chase Rice**/Whisper/Columbia Nashville—149
- Corey Smith**/Blow Me Away/Concord-Sugarhill— 148
- Tucker Beathard**/Rock On/Dot Records—142
- Ashland Belle**/Fastest Car/Overtone Music Group—141

THANK YOU FOR THE EARLY SUPPORT!

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| KBXB | KSMA | KYYK | WEIO | WLVK | WUPY |
| KDKD | KTHK | RENEGADE | WFRY | WMCI | WVMD |
| KFAV | KVAY | RADIO | WIFE | WMEV | |
| KKOW | KWCK | WATZ | WJMQ | WQNZ | |
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Presley & Taylor

"While You Were Gone"



Thank You Country Radio for our first top 30!

"Absolutely Brilliant."

~ Producer Billy Joe Walker

"Special Harmonies."

~ Andrew Duhl - WQNZ - Natchez, MS

"First Spin - my Facebook and phones lit up like the 4th of July!"

~ Austin Daniels - KFTX - Corpus Christi, TX

"That is the best traditional country song that has come out in about 20 years...it is awesome!"

~ Marcia Everts Burgess - Fan from Iowa's Best Country
KXIA - Marshalltown, IA

"You girls have incredible 'Family Harmony.' Reminds me of 'The Judds' in the early years of their incredible careers!"

~ Donny Kees - Co-Writer for Joe Nichols' "Brokenheartsville" and Presley & Taylor's "While You Were Gone"

"Great up and coming sister duo that has the sound of old country that is reminiscent of the older country sound."

~ Dr. Dave Young - KDKD - Clinton, MO

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RECORDS NASHVILLE



Renegade Radio Nashville's Lexi Carter (L) with Kayla Calabrese (R) during a radio visit



WDGG/Huntington, WV gets a visit from artist Allie Louise. Pictured (L-R): WDGG's Billy C, Nate Allen, Louise and WDGG's Julie Reeves



Pictured (L-R): KCJC/Russellville, AR's Jarrett Jackson, artist Dannie Marie, guitarist Nick Pupa



Pictured (L-R): RCA Nashville's Larry Santiago, KMPS/Seattle's Kenny Jay, RCA Artist Kane Brown



Alexandra Demetree makes a stop to WCFT-/Selinsgrove, PA. Pictured (L-R): WCFT's The Harry Mann, Kyle Hunter, Shelly Woods, Demetree, WCFT's Betti the Yetti, and guitarist Mark Thomas

ARTIST SPOTLIGHT



Casey Donahew

Sponsored by: Almost Country Records

Single:
"Feels Just Right"

Written By:
Casey Donahew

Hometown:
Burleson, TX

Stats:
-Casey Donahew has garnered 12 No. 1 songs on the Texas music charts.
-Donahew consistently sells out venues across the country.
-Casey's *Double Wide Dream* album debuted at #2 on the Country iTunes chart and at #10 on the Billboard Top Country Albums Chart.
-His release *Standoff* quickly topped the Country iTunes chart at No. 1 and hit the overall iTunes Chart at No. 8 and garnered five No. 1 singles.

Highlights:
Donahew's self-penned original songs range from love ballads to humorous epics.
Known for his high energy show, Casey Donahew puts on a full-blown party each time he hits the stage.
Donahew holds our country's military in high regard and donates his support to them.
Donahew relaxes with outdoor sports and ranching.

Connect:
www.caseydonahewband.com



CALENDAR

Singles

April 11

Carrie Underwood/Church Bells/Arista Nashville
Brett Young/Sleep Without You/Republic Nashville
Craig Campbell/Outskirts Of Heaven/Red Bow
Lonestar/Never Enders/Shanachie Entertainment
Trailer Choir/Ice Cold Summer/Star Farm Nashville
Hillbilly Vegas/Shake It Like A Hillbilly/SMG-Nashville
Blackjack Billy/The Booze Cruise/Reviver

April 18

Jason Aldean/Lights Come On/Broken Bow
Charles Kelley/Lonely Girl/Capitol Nashville
Jessie G/Drop A Line/Hook & Line
Aaron Watson/Bluebonnets/Big Label Records
Matt Cline w/Andy Griggs, Buddy Jewell, Ray Stevens, Steve Cropper/If You Want My Vote/Spin Doctors
Dani Dease/Mojo Back/Stanley Music Group

April 25

Alexandra Demetree/You Still Think I'm Beautiful/SSM Nashville
Dianna Corcoran/Thank You For Cheating On Me/Krian
Lavendine/Boomerang/400 SWC-Nine North
Michael Ray/Think A Little Less/Warner Bros.
Alex Di Mattia/Summertime/Slugfest Records

Albums

April 8

Hayes Carll/*Lovers and Leavers*/Thirty Tigers

April 15

Del McCoury/*Del and Woody*/McCoury Music
 Sturgill Simpson/*A Sailor's Guide To Earth*/Atlantic Records
Dixie Chicks/*Wide Open Spaces, Fly, Home, Taking The Long Way [12" vinyl reissues]*/Columbia-Legacy
James Robert Webb/*Pictures*/Bison Creek Records
Mark Collie/*ICON*/MCA Nashville-UME
Don Williams/*Don Williams In Ireland: The Gentle Giant In Concert* [DVD and CD]/Red River Entertainment-BFD-RED

NO. 1 SONG

MAREN MORRIS



Columbia Nashville's **Maren Morris** has her first No. 1 song as an artist with "My Church" reaching the top of the *MusicRow* CountryBreakout Chart this week. It is the first single from Morris' debut album, *Hero*, available June 3. Morris co-wrote every track on the project.

Morris co-wrote and co-produced the song with Mike "busbee" Busbee. The music video has been viewed over 4.5 million times on Vevo. Watch it by clicking here.

Morris is joining Brett Eldredge as an opener for Keith Urban's [Ripcord Tour](#).



Click [here](#) to view a full list of *MusicRow's* Challenge Coin recipients.

MusicRow CountryBreakout Chart Reporting Stations

WHMA Anniston AL	KBKB Burlington IA	WLVK Elizabethtown KY	KRGI Grand Island NE	KFTX Corpus Christi TX
WXFL Florence AL	KXIA Marshalltown IA	KRRV Alexandria LA	WFRY Watertown NY	KGKL San Angelo TX
KCJC Russellville AR	KTHK Idaho Falls ID	WKPE Hyannis, MA	WDNB Liberty NY	KMKS Bay City TX
KCNY Conway AR	WAAG Galesburg IL	WKTT Salisbury MD	WOLF Syracuse NY	KXOX Sweetwater TX
KDXY Jonesboro AR	WIBL Normal IL	WVMD Cumberland MD	KWHW Altus OK	KYYK Palestine TX
KQUS Hot Springs AR	WOOZ Carterville IL	WATZ Alpena MI	KITX Hugo OK	KMRK Odessa, TX
KWCK Searcy AR	WDZQ Decatur IL	WTCM Traverse City MI	KKAJ Ardmore OK	WAKG Danville VA
KTTI Yuma AZ	WMCI Mattoon IL	WJNR Iron Mountain MI	KWOX Woodward OK	WMEV Marion VA
KVAY Lamar CO	WRTB Rockford, IL	WUPY Ontonagon MI	KWEY Weatherford OK	KICR Spokane WA
WHWY Destin FL	WIFE Connerville IN	KZPK St. Cloud MN	KRKT Albany OR	WAXX Altoona, WI
WTRS Ocala FL	WYGB Franklin IN	KYSM Mankato MN	WFGE State College PA	WCOW Sparta, WI
WPHR Ft Pierce FL	KAIR Atchison KS	KBXB Sikeston MO	WWBE Selinsgrove PA	WGLR Platteville WI
WBYZ Baxley GA	KKOW Pittsburg KS	KDKD Clinton MO	KYTN Union City TN	WJMQ Shawano WI
WTHO Thomason GA	KYEZ Salina KS	KFAV Warrenton MO	WDKN Dickson TN	WJVL Janesville WI
WUBB Savannah GA	WBKR Owensboro KY	KWWR Mexico MO	WEIO Huntingdon TN	WQPC Prairie du Chien WI
KBOE Oskaloosa IA	WDHR Pikeville KY	WQNZ Natchez MS	WLLX Lawrenceburg TN	WDGG Huntington WV
KIAI Mason City IA	WKFC London KY	KZZY Devils Lake ND	WOWF Crossville TN	WKKW Morgantown WV
KLMJ Hampton IA	WGGC Bowling Green KY	KYCK Grand Forks ND	WMYL Clinton, TN	WTNJ Mount Hope WV
KSMA Mason City IA	WKDZ Cadiz KY	KQBA Santa Fe, NM	WUCZ Carthage TN	WKWS Charleston WV
		KRVN Lexington NE	Renegade Radio Nashville	WTCR Huntington WV

MUSIC ROW

COUNTRY BREAKOUT CHART

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Weeks On Chart	Last Week	This Week	Artist / Song / Label	Spins / Reports	% Spin Power	Spins +/-
13	2	1	Maren Morris / My Church / Columbia Nashville	3379/97	4	120
12	3	2	Dierks Bentley / Somewhere On A Beach / Capitol Nashville	3323/97	7	208
13	5	3	Chris Young / Think of You / RCA	3259/94	7	224
11	6	4	Tim McGraw / Humble and Kind / Big Machine	3193/96	8	238
24	7	5	Dustin Lynch / Mind Reader / Broken Bow	2914/92	3	89
10	10	6	Thomas Rhett / T-Shirt / Valory Music Co.	2684/95	11	275
20	9	7	Justin Moore / You Look Like I Need A Drink / Valory	2548/94	4	98
5	18	8	Luke Bryan / Huntin', Fishin', and Lovin' Every Day / Capitol	2422/95	19	385
8	16	9	Eric Church / Record Year / EMI Nashville	2367/96	13	274
5	15	10	Blake Shelton / Came Here To Forget / Warner Bros.	2364/91	12	255
31	12	11	Canaan Smith / Hole In A Bottle / Mercury Nashville	2361/85	1	33
16	13	12	Chris Lane / Fix / Big Loud Records	2324/90	5	118
23	14	13	Kip Moore / Running For You / MCA Nashville	2242/90	5	110
24	17	14	Eric Paslay / High Class / EMI	2096/83	0	9
27	1	15	Jon Pardi / Head Over Boots / Capitol Nashville	1928/62	-41	-1340
18	19	16	Frankie Ballard / It All Started With A Beer / Warner Bros.	1920/79	5	97
10	20	17	CAM / Mayday / Arista Nashville	1684/84	9	142
2	26	18	Kenny Chesney / Noise / Columbia Nashville	1682/86	40	479
5	21	19	Jake Owen / American Country Love Song / RCA Nashville	1571/84	11	150
10	22	20	Billy Currington / It Don't Hurt Like It Used To / Mercury Nashville	1463/79	7	98
13	23	21	Big & Rich / Lovin' Lately / New Revolution	1348/71	0	-6
10	25	22	LoCash / I Know Somebody / Reviver Records	1290/80	6	77
13	27	23	Jennifer Nettles / Unlove You / Big Machine Records	1255/76	11	120
22	24	24	Lauren Alaina / Next Boyfriend / Mercury Nashville	1243/59	1	13
8	31	25	Dan + Shay / From The Ground Up / Warner Bros.	1238/71	19	196
5	29	26	Sam Hunt / Make You Miss Me / MCA Nashville	1234/74	14	153
2	53	27	Keith Urban / Wasted Time / Capitol Nashville	1147/71	130	649
24	28	28	William Michael Morgan / I Met A Girl / Warner Bros.	1135/56	2	17
14	32	29	Drake White / Livin' The Dream / Dot	1118/63	8	81
6	35	30	Brothers Osborne / 21 Summer / EMI Nashville	1091/72	11	110
19	30	31	Presley & Taylor / While You Were Gone / SMG Nashville	1089/52	2	21
19	34	32	SaraBeth / Runnin' Outta Lipstick / Circle S Records	997/43	1	14
18	36	33	Callie Twisselman / Hung Me On The Line / Sugar Cube Records	948/41	1	9
3	42	34	Kelsea Ballerini / Peter Pan / Black River	945/68	31	224
12	38	35	Olivia Lane / Make My Own Sunshine / Big Spark Music Group	914/54	6	53
13	37	36	Trace Adkins / Jesus and Jones / Wheelhouse Records	898/58	3	26
17	39	37	Robby Johnson / Hate Me Tonight / CMR Nashville	858/38	1	6
16	40	38	The Stickers / Countrified / Wodarek Music LLC	846/48	3	22
1	0	39	Jason Aldean / Lights Come On / Broken Bow	792/50	0	792
10	41	40	Vince Gill / Take Me Down / MCA Nashville	791/43	5	38

SMITH & WESLEY
SWEET LIFE

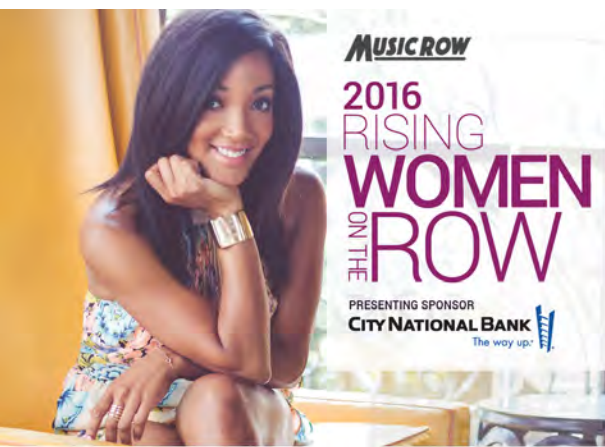
"My Sweet Life is getting outdoors and photographing the beauty of nature and the world around us. When I have my camera in my hands, life is sweet and all of the stress just melts away!"

HEAR WHAT PROGRAMMERS ARE SAYING ABOUT SWEET LIFE

Joeli Barbour - KDEX Dexter, MO

Weeks On Chart	Last Week	This Week	Artist / Song / Label	Spins / Reports	% Spin Power	Spins +/-
14	44	41	Pete Scobell / Walkin' A Wire / FrogBonz Entertainment	740/38	12	80
15	43	42	Chris Chitsey / Just Don't Know It Yet / Premier Nashville Records	687/42	1	6
10	45	43	Tony Jackson / Drink By Drink / DDS Entertainment	673/36	11	69
1	146	44	Carrie Underwood / Church Bells / Arista Nashville	654/45	2516	629
6	49	45	A Thousand Horses / Southernity / Republic Nashville	637/46	16	89
4	46	46	Granger Smith / If The Boot Fits / Wheelhouse Records	620/46	8	44
4	52	47	Brian Collins / Healing Highway / Blue Light Entertainment	611/55	20	102
11	50	48	Spencer's Own / Livin' in the Moment / Electric House	594/42	11	58
22	33	49	Chris Janson / Power Of Positive Drinkin' / Warner Bros.	594/36	-41	-414
15	47	50	Macy Martin / Baby What Ya Doing / Go Time Records	571/32	1	4
9	51	51	Broseph E Lee / Right Where She Wants Me / Broseph Music	557/33	5	28
18	48	52	Jake McVey / Ya'll Girls /	554/30	-2	-12
7	61	53	Jason Pritchett / Already A Dead Man / BDMG	538/39	20	88
7	54	54	Diana Upton-Hill / Southern Gentlemen / Third Floor Records	535/38	8	38
14	56	55	Dave And Whitney / Alibi / Chelsea Creek Entertainment	522/32	7	34
3	67	56	Randy Houser / Song No. 7 / Stoney Creek Records	521/38	42	155
11	58	57	Eric Chesser / I Can't Read Your Mind / Big Big Records Nashville	512/28	7	32
6	62	58	Clare Dunn / Tuxedo / MCA Nashville	499/34	13	56
15	59	59	Sammy Sadler / No Place To Land / S Records	481/19	3	13
14	60	60	Sarah Dunn Band / Backwoods Party / Audacity Records	464/31	2	8
14	63	61	Sammy Hakim / Kiss Some Boys / EXT Records	449/28	1	6
6	66	62	Smith & Wesley / Sweet Life / Garage Door Records	441/31	18	66
3	68	63	Kane Brown / Used To Love You Sober / RCA Nashville	435/31	19	70
7	64	64	Jordan Rager / Southern Boy / Broken Bow	424/30	9	34
12	65	65	Makenna & Brock / Burnin' The Night Down / Soundbyte Records	409/24	6	22
9	69	66	Jake Worthington / Just Keep Falling In Love /	370/26	5	16
3	72	67	James Robert Webb / How That Feels / Bison Creek Records	366/27	21	63
11	70	68	Chelsea Bain / The Power Of A Woman / Turn 3	346/18	3	10
9	71	69	Shane Owens / Where I'm Comin' From / Ameritome Records	332/23	6	19
4	74	70	Mary Fletcher / I Called Him Dad / Red and Black Entertainment	308/19	12	32
8	73	71	The Cains / Knock Knock / GMV Music	300/25	4	11
6	75	72	Frank Ortega / Tell Me / Villa One Records	259/19	3	7
2	76	73	Leslie Cours Mather / That Was The Whiskey /	256/19	6	15
2	79	74	Love And Theft / Whiskey On My Breath / Curb Records	228/18	46	72
4	77	75	Jake Clayton / What Not To Do / Rebel Engine	226/16	3	6
2	78	76	Charee White / Alive / Slugfest Records	206/14	14	25
1	81	77	Mike Smith / Little Bit Of Us / 22 Records	204/19	41	59
1	84	78	Martina McBride / Reckless / Nash Icon	185/11	31	44
2	80	79	Brecken Miles / The Anchor / Rhyme Partners	176/10	21	30
1	83	80	Camille Rae / Shadows Dance Tonight / Break The Cycle Entertainment	162/14	15	21

No. 1 Song
 Greatest Spin Increase
 Highest Debut



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