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Nashville Bombing: An Imperfect Storm

The Christmas Day bombing of Downtown Nashville thankfully did not cause widespread injury or death. Its impact, however, was significant, and radio's response may offer some lessons. A major local news event – on a national holiday, no less – is always a big



deal; combined with a significant disruption in internet and phone service at a time when radio is increasingly digital, and the issues begin to mount. Country Aircheck spoke with three local Country PDs about their station and team response.

"The first thought is, 'How are my people?'" says Westwood One/Nashville & Cumulus WKDF PD Paul Williams. Personality Elaina Smith lives closest to the blast but was away on her honeymoon. "When she came back, one of her neighbors said the building rocked, and it was obviously very loud," he says. "[Morning Koffy's Producer Josh lives in east Nashville and could hear it, but everybody was fine, though freaked out."

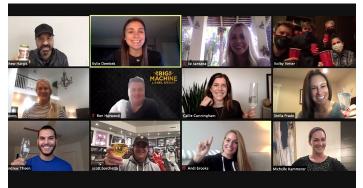


With the safety box checked, Williams focused on facilities. While the WKDF studios are located near Music Row, Cumulus' national programming originates from studios less than

a mile south of the blast site. "I ended up driving to Westwood One that day, because we didn't know if the windows were intact," he says. "Everything was fine – the network, clocks and internet were working."

404 Not Found: Hours after the blast, AT&T battery backups began to fail, and regional phone and internet service went down for nearly two days. The biggest complications were in reaching staff and, potentially, their ability to work from home. "Trying to contact the two producers who have AT&T service was interesting," Williams says. "I told a couple of people, 'If I don't get ahold of them by tomorrow morning, I'll drive to their house."

At iHeartMedia WSIX, PD **Gator Harrison** heard the news from a fellow employee. "The first call I got Christmas morning was from [Tampa SVPP] Tommy Chuck," he says. (continued on page 8)



Fizz The Season: Team Lady A toast the trio's No. 1 single "Champagne Night." Pictured (top, I-r) are the label's Matthew Hargis, Kylie Dembek, Liz Santana and the trio's Charles Kelley, Dave Haywood and Hillary Scott with the label's Jimmy Harnen; (middle, I-r) the label's Allison Jones, Ron Harwood, Callie Cunningham and Stella Prado; (bottom, I-r) the label's Andrew Thoen, Scott Borchetta, Andi Brooks and Michelle Tigard Kammerer.

Quartz Hill Aiming For Musical Gold

Closing 2020 with a finalized promotion team (<u>CAT 11/30</u>) and the rollout of debut artist Nate Barnes, the Benny Brownled **Quartz Hill Records** is digging into plans for a big year. In partnership with Sony's The Orchard, the new label has familiar underpinnings.

Any story about Brown has to start with BBR Music Group, which he sold to BMG in early 2017 (CAT 1/30/17). "The only reason I sold was my wife was ill, and I lost her just a few months later," he says. Four years after the sale, the deal's non-compete expired, and Brown was hearing voices in his head. They belonged to his nephew and BBRMG vet Paul







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Brown and songwriter **Jason Sellers**, who now serve as Quartz Hill Managing Partners along with Benny.

"I've got a lot of other balls in the air," Benny says of his other businesses. "But music has always been a real passion of mine. After Paul and Jason went to work on me, I decided the one thing I like most is the A&R side – artist development and picking music. I didn't want the full role I had at BBR, so they had to be willing to take on all the other responsibilities. They talked me into it."

In addition to the family and longstanding business ties between Benny and Paul, Sellers had been signed as a writer to BBRMG's Magic Mustang Music and has a deep relationship with the Browns. "It's something that clicked with the three of us," Paul says. "Benny and Jason have an amazing sense for A&R and songs, and I liked the fact I didn't have to do a lot of the legal and financial things I had to do last time." As to the operational structure, Paul says, "Jason and I are combining to cover what would be a traditional GM role while still running most major decisions by Benny for insight and approval. And we're counting heavily on support from the Orchard and the Sony team in New York."

Formerly Sony RED, The Orchard also has a long history with Broken Bow going back as far as 2003. "We really got off the ground in 2005 when Craig Morgan had his first No. 1 with Broken Bow," says The Orchard SVP/Product Development **Alan Becker**. "Being able to help grow our business in Nashville with the success of Broken Bow was a huge win – personally and professionally. The day Benny sold the company, I had this in the back of my mind, dreaming we'd be able to do it again." Division of duties is fairly typical, though Quartz Hill staff are actually Sony employees. "We're doing sales and distribution, HR, T&E, royalty accounting – typical back office functions," Becker says. "That's our skillset."

Led by VP/Promotion & Marketing **April Rider** (<u>Breaking News 10/12</u>), the promotion staff is comprised of Matt Galvin, Clay Henderson, Will Robinson, Greg Raneiri and Ray Vaughn. Natalie Kilgore is VP/Publicity & Integrated Marketing; Karen Tallier is Dir./ Streaming, Digital Mktg. & Brand Strategy; and Josh Brown is Coord./A&R.

"Like everyone else in a world of COVID, we're learning as we go," Rider says. "Our rollout with Nate has been a unique approach – not your standard Zoom presentation – to bring radio in and get



QUARTZ HILL RECORDS



to know him." Barnes' debut single, "You Ain't Pretty," will go for airplay next month. Meanwhile, the story is being built, as evidenced by 7 million Tik Tok views in the song's first two weeks of release. The label announced second signing Ben Gallaher today.

"It's pretty exciting to think about doing it again with some of the same people," says Rider, one of several BBR veterans. "But we've all grown a lot and brought other experience into the fold."

"The old saying 'work smarter not harder' doesn't apply here," Sellers adds. "We work smarter and harder. That's the way Benny runs his company. He creates a family environment, and we go into battle together. Watching the early success for Nate, Benny's still got it."

And he appears to have it just the way he wants it. "I didn't need this job for money," Benny says. "My position was, if I could do something to help former employees and artists, that was what would drive me."



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I went a full year without seeing my family, because they were in Canada and I was here in Nashville. I just got to see them at Christmas, so that was nice. Where I'm from in Saskatchewan, they still had a five-people household limit, so it was a little more strict in that way.

I'm writing over Zoom pretty much every day. It's nice to have something to look forward to and know that you're going to be somewhat productive and still get to be creative.

I was more creative in 2020, but it's getting to the point now where it's hard to feel inspired. We're not out there living real life. I'm not sitting at a hotel bar listening to a conversation and getting ideas. It's been a struggle, but I've found myself reflecting back and writing a lot of songs about high school and those first relationships ... nostalgic type stuff.

I've been doing virtual meet and greets and going live on all of my platforms, and it's great to be able to connect with people that way. I truly feel my relationship with my fans has gotten stronger. I released my album $\diamond\diamond\diamond\diamond\diamond\diamond\diamond\diamond\diamond\diamond\diamond$ at the very beginning of the year, so I had all that new music out there and got to share it with everybody on socials and hear their feedback. I talk to my fans online every day.

I've been cooking more than I ever have. Before, when I was on the road, I wouldn't even buy groceries, because there wasn't time to cook. Another thing that I was doing was bedazzling a lot of things. I made an entire guitar covered in crystals (see here), and (hopefully) I'll get to take that out on the road really soon.

I watched Game of Thrones for the

first time. Right now, I'm watching The Wild on Amazon Prime. I've watched pretty much every Netflix documentary at this point.

In 2020, I was going back and listening to early Shania Twain but also new music. I love Maren Morris, Keith Urban and Sam Hunt ... everybody that was releasing new music over the last year. I was diving into all of it, because there's not a whole lot else to do, so it's great to see people releasing new music. And Morgan Wallen. I'm still getting through the Double Album. So great.



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As for the name, it was inspired by the successful sale of a property Benny owned in California. "Quartz is where gold comes from, and it's also how they made radios back in the day," he says. "Quartz, copper wire and power were all you needed." Adds Paul, "When he said it, I raised my hand and said, 'That one's perfect.'" Reach Paul Brown here, Sellers here and Rider here. -Chuck Aly

Chart Chat

Congratulations to Lady A, Matthew Hargis, Michelle Tigard Kammerer and the BMLGR promotion team on landing at No. 1 with "Champagne Night." The song was released following the group's appearance on NBC's Songland and is a re-worked version of Madeline Merlo's "I'll Drink To That," as detailed on the show. Songwriters are Merlo, Shane McAnally, Hillary Scott, Charles Kelley, Dave Haywood, Tina Parol, David Thomson, Patricia Conroy, Ryan Tedder and Esther Dean.



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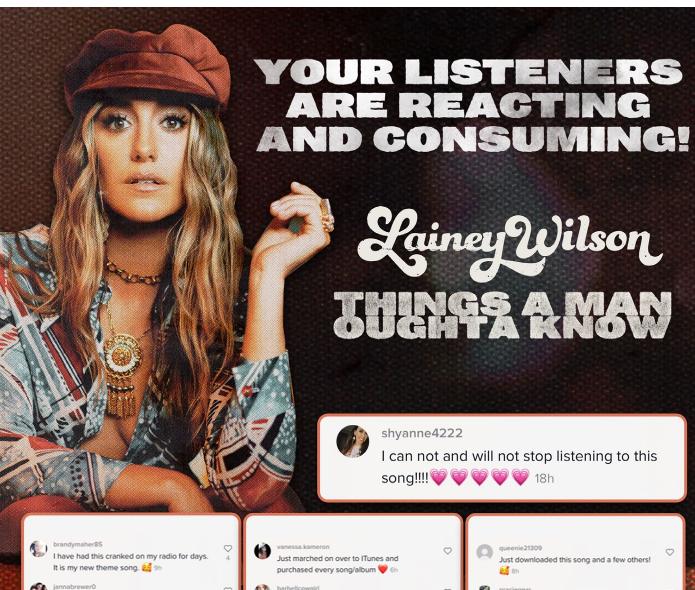
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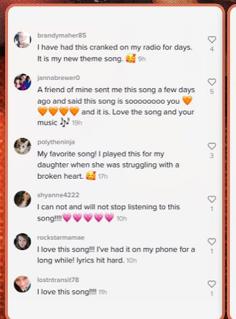


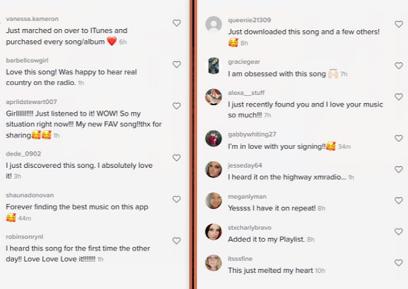
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And kudos to **Kevin Herring** and the **Triple Tigers** crew on notching 36 adds for **Russell Dickerson**'s "Home Sweet," landing atop this week's board.

• Chronicle: <u>Bobby Sherman</u>, <u>Jim "Catfish" Prewitt</u>, <u>Larry Neal</u>, <u>David Anthony "Tony" Rice</u>, <u>Misty Morgan</u>, <u>Hugh X. Lewis</u>, <u>Al Fagerli</u>, <u>Jamie O'Hara</u>, <u>Ed Bruce</u>.

News & Notes

Sun Broadcast Group has added **Wisebuddah** production and sonic branding, radio imaging and jingles to its network offerings. Withers Broadcasting **KBXB/Cape Girardeau**, **MO** adds the *Bud & Broadway* show in mornings, replacing *Wilhite & Wall*.

The **Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum** will open its first exhibit of the year Friday (1/15). The Station Inn: Bluegrass Beacon will examine the Nashville venue's contributions to bluegrass music. More info here.

The Week's Top Stories

Full coverage at countryaircheck.com.

- Catch up on everything you missed over the holidays in last week's (1/4) Country Aircheck Weekly.
- Radio <u>reacted</u> to the attack on the U.S. Capitol. (CAT 1/7)
- iHeartMedia/El Paso's Patti Diaz <u>added</u> PD/MD/ afternoon duties for **KHEY**. (CAT 1/8)
- KKNU/Eugene, OR morning host Bill Barrett is retiring. (CAT 1/7)
- Hot AC KMIY/Tucson swapped frequencies with Country KYWD to become "92.9 The Bull." (CAT 1/6)
- Shanna "Quinn" Cudeck was named WMIL/Milwaukee PD; Chelsey Steinhauer added PD duties at WMAD/Madison; and Cindy Spicer added programming duties for WQIK/Jacksonville. (CAT 1/5)
- Jon Laing <u>was upped</u> to **Cumulus/Cincinnati** VP/MM; **WNNF** <u>shuffled</u> its on-air lineup. (CAT 1/4)

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"He's a fellow Tennessean and saw the news first. I immediately was on the phone with EVP/News Chris Berry and Talk WLAC PD Scooter, as well as the other PDs in the cluster. Everyone not only answered their phone, but they immediately engaged in their respective brands. We view ourselves as intel first responders; if it happens in Nashville, it's our job to be there for our listeners and go through it together."

WSIX went wall-to-wall with news partner WSMV-TV. "We followed that with twice-per-hour updates, as well as complete coverage on our social platforms," Harrison says. "[Afternooner] Wayne D left his family and came in to cover afternoons live, answering listener questions, concerns, and sharing intel as the facts unfolded."

Cumulus WSM-FM PD **Charlie Cook** says the station didn't miss a beat, though there were a few hurdles – including his own AT&T internet being down. "I couldn't log in to do what I normally do – merge and adjust logs, etc. – but that just meant I had to go into the office," he says. "Email was working fine on my phone."

Able to reach an IT staffer, Cook was reassured the station had multiple internet redundancies. "Most stations have that,"







he says. "But part of the issue with not wanting anybody in the building is having them all voicetrack from home. Only one of our personalities has AT&T for phone and internet, and she called me from her roommate's Verizon phone. I was able to call around and get someone to fill in for two days. She was in the process of signing up for another service provider when AT&T came back up."

Track Suite: Though a bombing aimed at a communications hub is likely a rare occurrence, denial-of-service attacks and other threats may or may not have greater importance for radio and the music business as work-from-home has become the order of the day. "Most of our air talent live in Nashville and are spread out all over the city, so there has yet to be a situation where someone hasn't had access," Harrison says. "Plus, we have a next-level IT and engineering team in Mike Buckner and Jeff Batten. They make MacGyver look novice. I'm also not sure the dual service would be a cost-effective strategy, but it would be a nice luxury."

While not as critical for a music station, phones being down had an impact elsewhere in the Cumulus cluster. "Both [Sports WGFX] The Zone and [News-Talk] WWTN depend on phone calls," Cook says. "I know The Zone went to reading tweets instead, and it worked out."

Another effect of digital disruption is the reminder of the power of century-old broadcast technology. "These are the moments radio was built for," Harrison says. "Instant, immediate engagement – a dependable and trusted friend no matter the circumstance. Tornado knocks out power, you still have radio. Internet connection drops, you still have radio. We love music, but our stations are built to be there when Nashville needs us most. We're dedicated to saving lives, protecting, and building a better Nashville. And, I honestly don't think I'm over stating it."

To that end, Nashville stations also showed the medium's propensity for service ... with the help of the broader country

community. "That Monday morning, a bunch of record labels got emails from me asking for their artists to help us get the message out by recording how-to-help liners," Williams says. "Black River told me Kelsea Ballerini had those two weeks blocked, but she was one of the first ones back with one of the most heartfelt pieces of audio we received."

See station help pages <u>here</u> and <u>here</u>; contact Cook <u>here</u>, Harrison <u>here</u> and Williams <u>here</u>. –*Chris Huff, Chuck Aly*

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AVAILABLE JOBS

MIDWEST

Summit **KFDI/Wichita** OM **Justin Case** is searching for a morning co-host. See the complete posting <u>here</u>; send résumés and airchecks to Case <u>here</u>.

MacDonald **WKCQ/Saginaw, MI** OM/PD **Jason Addams** is looking to add a full-time on-air personality for nights. Send résumés and airchecks to him here.

Midwest/Evansville, IN OM **Aaron Santini** is seeking a Prod. Asst./on-air talent for the cluster that includes Country **WLYD**. Send cover letters, résumés and airchecks to him <u>here</u>.

Townsquare **KOEL/Waterloo**, **IA** PD/morning host **Johnny Marks** is looking for a morning co-host who is "social media savvy and regularly contributes content to the station's website and social media account. See the complete job description and apply here.

complete job description and apply <u>here</u>. Saga Classic Country **WYXY/Champaign, IL** PD **Kurtis Allen** is seeking an afternoon personality. Send résumés and cover letters to him <u>here</u>.

Steel City/Kansas City is searching for a Chief Engineer for the cluster that includes Country **KBEQ & KFKF**. Interested candidates can send résumés <u>here</u> confidentially. White River **WKKG/Columbus, IN** Programming

White River **WKKG/Columbus, IN** Programming Coord. **Brad Jackson** is seeking a PD/morning host with solid social media chops. See the complete job description <u>here</u>; send résumés and airchecks to Jackson <u>here</u>.

Midwest Classic Country **WWDK/Lansing, MI**OM **Terry Stevens** is looking for a Brand Mgr. who
can also handle oversight of Rhythmic AC sister WQTX.
See the complete job posting <u>here</u>; send résumés, cover
letters, production samples and airchecks <u>here</u>.

NORTHEAST

Forever **WFGI/Johnstown, PA** is seeking a fulltime morning co-host. Send résumés, airchecks and salary requirements <u>here</u>.

WVRC WKKW/Morgantown, WV PD Mike Vincent is searching for part-time on-air talent for weekend and fill-in positions. Send résumés and airchecks to him <u>here</u>.

Alpha/Fredericksburg, VA is looking for a Market Mgr. for the cluster, which includes Country WFLS. Interested candidates can see a complete job description and apply here.

SOUTHEAST

Cumulus **WKAK/Albany, GA** PD **Bill Dollar** is looking for an afternoon personality/Production Dir. Apply here.

Saga/Gainesville-Ocala, FL GM Howard Tuuri is looking for a Dir./Promotions for Country WOGK & Classic Rock sister WYND. Send résumés to him here.

ADX WYCT/Pensacola OM Kevin King is seeking a full-time midday talent with additional duties that may include promotions and on-air work for sister stations within the cluster. Interested candidates can send résumés and airchecks here.

SOUTHWEST

Townsquare **KQBR/Lubbock, TX** Brand Mgr. **Lance Ballance** is seeking an APD/on-air personality to succeed **Jan Miller**. Send résumés and airchecks to him <u>here</u>.

Cox Country Format Leader & Country **KKBQ/ Houston** PD **Johnny Chiang** is searching for a midday personality for KKBQ to succeed Christi Brooks. Complete job description and application <u>here</u>.

Cumulus **KSCS/Dallas** PD **Mike Preston** is seeking a midday personality who loves country music; knows the Texas lifestyle; executes a fun, engaging, interactive show; is a social media creator and contributor; and is willing to take on additional programming assignments as needed. Complete job description and application <u>here</u>.

Champlin/Oklahoma City GM Kevin Waltman is looking for a Brand Mgr. for the group that includes

Classic Country KNAH. Send résumés to him here.

WEST COAST

Badlands/Rapid City, SD is searching for a GM/DOS who can build, train and motivate a team for the cluster that includes Country **KRKI**. Interested parties can send résumés and references here.

Frontier/Juneau, AK GM **Cherie Curry** is seeking an OM/PD/on-air talent for the cluster that includes Country **KTKU**. Send résumés with references and an aircheck to Curry <u>here</u>.

Entercom is now searching for a Regional Dir./
Promotions for the **Mountain Region**, including **Denver**, **Las Vegas** and **Phoenix** markets. The position will manage all promotions and related activity for all brands in the region, including Country **KMLE/Phoenix**. See the complete job description and apply here.

Ruby Radio/Elko, NV owner Ken Sutherland is seeking a "utility jock to work multiple formats," including Country KBGZ. Send résumés and airchecks here.

OTHER

Cherry Creek Media Group PD Mark Elliott is searching for experienced OMs and PDs for future openings. The company's Country properties include KAAR/Butte, MT; KCIN & KIYK/St. George, UT; KMON/Great Falls, MT; KGGL/Missoula, MT; KKXK/Montrose, MT; KWCD/Sierra Vista, AZ; KYSN/Wenatchee, WA; KYYZ/Williston, ND; and Classic Country KMON-AM/Great Falls, MT. Candidates with a minimum of three-to-five years of experience and a background in programming multiple formats in small to medium sized markets can send résumés, airchecks and programming philosophies to Elliott here.

RWPC Pres. **JJ Jobe** is looking for a hands-on GM for a small Southeast market. Send cover letters and résumés to him <u>here</u>.

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 1	LADY A Champagne Night (BMLGR)	25512		8183		45.449		159	0
 2	DAN + SHAY/I Should Probably Go To Bed (Warner/WAR)	21936		7061		37.847		158	0
 3	LUKE COMBS /Better Together (River House/Columbia)	21372		6869		37.138		159	0
 4	KENNY CHESNEY/Happy Does (Blue Chair/Warner/WEA)	19738		6378		34.579		159	0
 5	KELSEA BALLERINI/Hole In The Bottle (Black River)	18400		6085		30.707		159	0
 6	CHRIS LANE/Big, Big Plans (Big Loud)	18267		5619		38.089		157	0
 7	DARIUS RUCKER/Beers And Sunshine (Capitol)	17508		5747		29.684		159	0
 8	NIKO MOON/Good Time (RCA)	16327		5352		24.115		155	0
 9	CHRIS STAPLETON/Starting Over (Mercury)	15026		4958		25.913		157	0
 10	LUKE BRYAN/Down To One (Capitol)	15005		4757		26.134		158	0
 11	PARKER MCCOLLUM/Pretty Heart (MCA)	14533		4871		25.467		157	0
 12	THOMAS RHETT/What's Your Country Song (Valory)	14287		4599		25.208		159	0
 13	PARMALEE f/BLANCO BROWN/Just The Way (Stoney Creek)	13859		4532		21.619		148	6
 14	FLORIDA GEORGIA LINE/Long Live (BMLGR)	13416		4287		22.229		159	0
 15	DUSTIN LYNCH /Momma's House (Broken Bow)	13136		4213		21.414		158	0
 16	RASCAL FLATTS/How They Remember You (Big Machine)	12023		3927		19.573		158	1
 17	TENILLE ARTS/Somebody Like That (19th & Grand)	10565		3383		15.837		157	0
 18	DYLAN SCOTT/Nobody (Curb)	9619		3106		15.086		152	1
 19	GABBY BARRETT/The Good Ones (Warner/WAR)	9607		3194		14.542		155	2
 20	BRETT YOUNG/Lady (BMLGR)	9472		3015		15.848		143	1
 21	JORDAN DAVIS/Almost Maybes (MCA)	9280		3127		13.647		152	0
 22	MORGAN WALLEN/7 Summers (Big Loud)	9040		2797		15.283		148	6
 23	BROTHERS OSBORNE/All Night (EMI Nashville)	8126		2613		12.621		153	0
 24	ERIC CHURCH/Hell Of A View (EMI Nashville)	7218		2408		10.587		152	5
 25	KEITH URBAN w/PINK/One Too Many (RCA/Capitol)	6845		2232		10.197		142	1

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LW	TW	Artist/Title (Label)	Total Points +/	- Points	Total Plays	+/- Plays	Audience	+/- Aud	Stations	ADDS
	26	DIERKS BENTLEY/Gone (Capitol)	6836		2255		10.09		148	0
	27	SAM HUNT/Breaking Up Was Easy In The (MCA)	6476		2059		9.526		136	2
	28	JAKE OWEN/Made For You (Big Loud)	5546		1888		7.257		128	3
	29	MIRANDA LAMBERT/Settling Down (RCA)	5483		1749		7.44		140	6
	30	BRANTLEY GILBERT/Hard Days (Valory)	4864		1589		5.736		143	1
	31	CARLY PEARCE/Next Girl (Big Machine)	4698		1543		5.564		148	5
	32	JASON ALDEAN/Blame It On You (Macon Music/Broken Bow)	4185		1213		6.394		118	10
	33	RUNAWAY JUNE/We Were Rich (Wheelhouse)	3911		1285		4.613		137	3
	34	LITTLE BIG TOWN/Wine, Beer, Whiskey (Capitol)	3887		1352		3.218		130	3
	35	COLE SWINDELL/Single Saturday Night (Warner/WMN)	3803		1220		4.658		123	5
	36	JUSTIN MOORE/We Didn't Have Much (Valory)	3582		1167		6.033		108	13
	37	CHASE RICE f/FGL/Drinkin' Beer (Dack Janiels/BBR/BMLGR)	2955		851		2.961		97	2
	38	OLD DOMINION/Never Be Sorry (RCA)	2905		934		3.306		91	4
	39	CHRIS YOUNG & KANE BROWN/Famous Friends (RCA)	2889		686		4.205		79	26
	40	KANE BROWN/Worship You (RCA)	2867		881		3.126		96	6
	41	SCOTTY MCCREERY/You Time (Triple Tigers)	2848		922		2.761		106	12
	42	ELVIE SHANE/My Boy (Wheelhouse)	2787		968		2.296		93	3
	43	LEE BRICE/Memory I Don't Mess With (Curb)	2421		723		3.479		89	0
	44	PRISCILLA BLOCK/Just About Over You (InDent/Mercury)	2322		733		2.364		77	0
	45	ROBERT COUNTS/What Do I Know (Arista)	2164		714		1.905		91	2
	46	CODY JOHNSON & R. MCENTIRE/Dear (CoJo/Warner/WMN	1) 2007		482		3.233		36	0
	47	TEDDY ROBB/Heaven On Dirt (Monument)	2002		695		1.592		74	2
	48	LOCASH/Beers To Catch Up On (Wheelhouse)	1943		638		1.912		75	2
	49	MICHAEL RAY/Whiskey And Rain (Warner/WEA)	1854		584		1.912		75	3
	50	CHRIS JANSON/Waitin' On 5 (Warner/WAR)	1711		540		1.584		64	1

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BLAKE SHELTON f/G. STEFANI/Happy (Warner/WMN)	19277
RUSSELL DICKERSON/Love You Like I Used To (Triple Tigers)	18943
MORGAN WALLEN/More Than My Hometown (Big Loud)	16866
LEE BRICE/One Of Them Girls (Curb)	16365
LUKE COMBS/Lovin' On You (River House/Columbia)	11228
JASON ALDEAN/Got What I Got (Macon Music/Broken Bow)	10004
JAMESON RODGERS/Some Girls (River House/Columbia)	9234
HARDY f/L. ALAINA & D. DAWSON/One Beer (Big Loud)	9207
GABBY BARRETT/I Hope (Warner/WAR)	8991
MATT STELL/Everywhere But On (Records)	8955
MAREN MORRIS/The Bones (Columbia)	8475
MORGAN WALLEN/Chasin' You (Big Loud)	8387
BLAKE SHELTON f/G. STEFANI/Nobody~But~(Warner/WMN)	7591

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JON PARDI/Ain't Always The Cowboy (Capitol)

MADDIE & TAE/Die From A Broken Heart (Mercury)

LUKE BRYAN/One Margarita (Capitol)

CHRIS JANSON/Done (Warner/WAR)

OLD DOMINION/One Man Band (RCA)

SAM HUNT/Hard To Forget (MCA)

SAM HUNT/Kinfolks (MCA)

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ROBERT COUNTS/What Do I Know (Arista)

2,164 points, 714 spins 2 adds: **KKGO, KXKT**

CODY JOHNSON & REBA/Dear Rodeo (CoJo/Warner/WMN)

2,007 points, 482 spins; no adds

TEDDY ROBB/Heaven On Dirt (Monument)

2,002 points, 695 spins 2 adds: **KJKE, WAVW**

LOCASH/Beers To Catch Up On (Wheelhouse)

1,943 points, 638 spins 2 adds: **KXKC, WAVW**

MICHAEL RAY/Whiskey And Rain (Warner/WEA)

1,854 points, 584 spins

3 adds: WCTQ, WKSJ, WWQM

CHRIS JANSON/Waitin' On 5 (Warner/WAR)

1,711 points, 540 spins

1 add: WAVW

GARTH BROOKS & TRISHA YEARWOOD/Shallow (Pearl)

1,658 points, 491 spins; no adds

JAMESON RODGERS f/LUKE COMBS/Cold Beer Calling My Name

(River House/Columbia)

1,513 points, 457 spins

9 adds: KCCY, KKGO, KKWF, KSD, KTEX, KWJJ, KZSN,

WGAR, WXBQ

MITCHELL TENPENNY/Broken Up (Columbia)

1,390 points, 530 spins; no adds

INGRID ANDRESS/Lady Like (Warner/WEA)

1,384 points, 492 spins

1 add: KNCI

ADD DATES

January 19

JON PARDI/Tequila Little Time (Capitol)

January 25

HARDY/Give Heaven Some Hell (Big Loud)
SHY CARTER/Good Love (Warner/WAR)
PARKER MCCOLLUM/To Be Loved By You (MCA)

February 1

JIMMIE ALLEN & BRAD PAISLEY/Freedom Was A Highway (Stoney Creek)

ANDREW JANNAKOS/Gone Too Soon (RCA)

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CHECK OUT

January 8

Aaron Watson American Soul (Big Label)
Produced by the Texas Cowboy Hall Of Famer and Phil
O'Donnell, the project features ten songs Watson wrote
or co-wrote, including the previously-released "Whisper

My Name" – which totaled 300,000 streams in its first week – and a track he co-wrote with Monty Criswell and O'Donnell, current single "Silverado Saturday Night."



January 15

Devin Dawson *Pink Slip EP* (Warner/WEA)

Among the six songs included in the follow-up to 2018's *Dark Horse* are lead single "I Got a Truck," "He Loved
Her," penned alongside Nicolle Galyon and Jordan
Reynolds, and opening track "Range Rover."

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		1	LUKE COMBS Better Together (River House/Columbia)	10321		2149		47	0
-		2	LADY A/Champagne Night (BMLGR)	9271		1979		48	0
-		3	DAN + SHAY/I Should Probably Go To Bed (Warner/WAR)	8780		1883		46	0
-		4	KELSEA BALLERINI/Hole In The Bottle (Black River)	8501		1772		47	0
-		5	DARIUS RUCKER/Beers And Sunshine (Capitol)	8202		1665		48	0
-		6	KENNY CHESNEY/Happy Does (Blue Chair/Warner/WEA)	7478		1612		46	0
-		7	CHRIS LANE/Big, Big Plans (Big Loud)	7292		1435		46	0
-		8	LUKE BRYAN/Down To One (Capitol)	7155		1408		48	1
-		9	PARKER MCCOLLUM/Pretty Heart (MCA)	6904		1431		45	0
-		10	CHRIS STAPLETON/Starting Over (Mercury)	6797		1408		48	0
-		11	THOMAS RHETT/What's Your Country Song (Valory)	6606		1318		47	0
-		12	FLORIDA GEORGIA LINE/Long Live (BMLGR)	6300		1277		47	0
-		13	NIKO MOON/Good Time (RCA)	5674		1272		44	0
-		14	RASCAL FLATTS/How They Remember You (Big Machine)	5014		1064		45	0
-		15	ERIC CHURCH/Hell Of A View (EMI Nashville)	4699		860		48	1
-		16	JORDAN DAVIS/Almost Maybes (MCA)	4429		905		43	0
-		17	DUSTIN LYNCH /Momma's House (Broken Bow)	4395		984		42	0
-		18	DIERKS BENTLEY/Gone (Capitol)	4366		875		48	0
-		19	BROTHERS OSBORNE/All Night (EMI Nashville)	4233		823		46	1
-		20	TENILLE ARTS/ Somebody Like That (19th & Grand)	3989		814		44	2
-		21	GABBY BARRETT/The Good Ones (Warner/WAR)	3648		826		45	4
-		22	MORGAN WALLEN/7 Summers (Big Loud)	3647		702		43	0
-		23	PARMALEE f/BLANCO BROWN/Just The Way (Stoney Creek)	3584		762		42	1
-		24	KEITH URBAN w/PINK/One Too Many (RCA/Capitol)	3221		660		45	0
-		25	DYLAN SCOTT/Nobody (Curb)	2946		615		39	2
-		26	MIRANDA LAMBERT/Settling Down (RCA)	2762		502		36	1
-		27	BRETT YOUNG/Lady (BMLGR)	2753		558		43	3
-		28	SAM HUNT /Breaking Up Was Easy In The (MCA)	1914		386		43	0
-		29	CARLY PEARCE/Next Girl (Big Machine)	1731		336		40	1
-		30	JAKE OWEN/Made For You (Big Loud)	1696		405		32	1

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	31	JUSTIN MOORE/We Didn't Have Much (Valory)	1681		368		32	8
	32	ELVIE SHANE/My Boy (Wheelhouse)	1499		269		23	1
	33	LITTLE BIG TOWN/Wine, Beer, Whiskey (Capitol)	1471		297		34	1
	34	BRANTLEY GILBERT/Hard Days (Valory)	1270		263		34	1
	35	RUNAWAY JUNE/We Were Rich (Wheelhouse)	1191		255		32	2
	36	LEE BRICE/Memory I Don't Mess With (Curb)	1079		162		11	0
	37	CHASE RICE f/FGL/Drinkin' Beer. Talkin' God. Amen. (Dack Janiels/BBR/BMLGR)	1015		187		20	2
	38	JASON ALDEAN/Blame It On You (Macon Music/Broken Bow)	947		173		22	3
	39	LARRY FLEET/Where I Find God (Big Loud)	851		144		20	0
	40	COLE SWINDELL/Single Saturday Night (Warner/WMN)	812		185		32	1
	41	PRISCILLA BLOCK/Just About Over You (InDent/Mercury)	754		135		15	0
	42	MICHAEL RAY/Whiskey And Rain (Warner/WEA)	705		128		16	0
	43	KANE BROWN/Worship You (RCA)	702		112		13	0
	44	SCOTTY MCCREERY/You Time (Triple Tigers)	687		143		27	1
	45	TIM DUGGER/You're Gonna Love Me (Curb/MCC)	655		121		16	1
	46	OLD DOMINION/Never Be Sorry (RCA)	631		123		20	1
	47	MITCHELL TENPENNY/Broken Up (Columbia)	629		120		19	0
	48	LEE BRICE/Soul (Curb)	620		62		1	0
	49	CODY JOHNSON & REBA MCENTIRE/Dear Rodeo (CoJo/Warner/WMN)	600		117		10	0
	50	THE DESERT CITY RAMBLERS/Comin' Home (Crank Kick)	590		110		9	1
	51	CHRIS JANSON/Waitin' On 5 (Warner/WAR)	560		95		7	0
	52	HARDY/Give Heaven Some Hell (Big Loud)	551		75		4	1
	53	LUKE COMBS/Forever After All (River House/Columbia)	545		78		8	1
	54	RILEY GREEN/If It Wasn't For Trucks (BMLGR)	490		85		8	1
	55	LAINEY WILSON/Things A Man Oughta Know (Broken Bow)	482		57		8	0
	56	LOCASH/Beers To Catch Up On (Wheelhouse)	458		107		13	1
	57	CASEY DONAHEW/Bad Guy (Almost Country)	447		89		7	0
	58	LILY ROSE/Villain ()	410		41		1	0
	59	ROBERT COUNTS/What Do I Know (Arista)	402		99		18	0
	60	DREW PARKER/While You're Gone (Make Wake)	390		39		1	0

