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Tayla Lynn salutes her grandmother Loretta Lynn ... from sports-Ent. 5

show’s longevity. We’re looking forward to this series featuring the music of artists who became household names and whose legacies the Opry will still be celebrating in another 100 years,” said Dan Rogers, Opry executive producer.

Additional upcoming shows pay tribute to Johnny Cash & June Carter Cash (June 18) and Charlie Daniels (July 8) with new shows that will be announced soon.

- ‘Singin’ Loretta’ Track List:
- 01. I Wanna Be Free
 - 02. Rated “X”
 - 03. There He Goes
 - 04. Don’t Come Home A Drinkin’ (With Lovin’ On Your Mind)
 - 05. When The Tingle Becomes A Chill
 - 06. One’s On The Way
 - 07. Blue Kentucky Girl
 - 08. You’re Lookin’ At Country
 - 09. She’s Got You
 - 10. Out Of My Head And Back In My Bed
 - 11. The Titanic

Tayla Lynn always knew music would be her path, with no “Plan B” in sight. Performing at a young age with her grandmother, she later collaborated with songwriting legends like James House, Gary Burr, Leslie Satcher, and Jon Randall. After earning a development deal with RCA, she met Caroline Hobby and Jennifer Wayne through mentor Anastasia Brown, forming the trio Stealing Angels.

From 2007 to 2012, they toured the country, performed for troops in Iraq and Kuwait, and worked with Grammy-winning producer Paul Worley. Following her marriage and motherhood, Tayla moved to Seattle, where the

music scene reignited her passion. Returning to Tennessee, she resumed performing with her grandmother and launched Twitty and Lynn with Tre Twitty in 2018. Performing over 100 shows annually, they released their debut album Cookin’ Up Lovin’ in April 2024. Tayla also released Tayla Lynn Sings Loretta Lynn in 2022, a tribute to her grandmother, with her follow-up album Still Singing Loretta Lynn set for 2025. Writing with Mark Narmore and Scott Baggett, she continues to blend her own life experiences with the stories of the women who came before her.

You can find her on Facebook , Spotify , Instagram,Website , TikTok , and YouTube

More About Tayla Lynn: Tayla Lynn is a country music artist, comedian, actress, and proud granddaughter of the legendary Loretta Lynn. With a voice rooted in heritage and a spirit all her own, Tayla captivates audiences through raw honesty, soulful performances, and a heartfelt connection to the stage. As one half of the duo Twitty and Lynn with Tre Twitty, she honors her iconic lineage while carving out a bold, authentic path—including co-owning MEPOP Records and their own booking agency. Her albums include Tayla Sings Loretta Lynn (Heart of Texas Records) and the latest Cookin’ Up Lovin’ (MEPOP Records).

Beyond the spotlight, Tayla is a devoted wife and mama, a passionate advocate for sobriety and spiritual healing, and a storyteller with just the right amount of sass—known for tales that’ll make you cry one minute and laugh the next.

TDEC sees medium-duty vehicle projects under Volkswagen Environmental Mitigation Trust from sports page 3

Weight Rating [GVWR] between 14,001 lb. and 33,000 lb.) used to deliver cargo and freight, Class 8 local freight trucks and port drayage trucks (GVWR greater than 33,000 lb.) used for port drayage and/or freight/cargo delivery, and Class 4-8 transit, shuttle, and school buses (GVWR) greater than 14,001 lb.) used for transporting people.

Eligible applicants are limited to one application each with a maximum replacement or repower request of 15 vehicles. Applications may include a variety of vehicles and/or fuel types designated under this program. All terms and conditions of the program, including associated funding caps, are outlined in an application manual, accessible here.

Applications and supporting documentation must be submitted electronically via the TDEC online grants management system, which may be accessed here: <https://tdc.smartsimple.com/>.

Applications must be received by June 13 at 4 p.m. CDT. TDEC will announce awards after conducting a comprehensive review and evaluation of all complete

and eligible grant applications. Grant contracting efforts will occur shortly thereafter. For more information, visit the Medium- and Heavy-Duty Vehicles Grant

TDEC will host an application workshop via webinar on April 11 from 2-4 p.m. CDT. This workshop will be recorded and posted on the TDEC website for applicant reference. Applicants will be required to attend the virtual application workshop prior to application submission, either by participating during the initial webinar session or watching the recording. The application workshop will provide guidance on the application process and program terms and conditions, including project eligibility, timelines for implementation, and reporting requirements.

For additional information on the VW Settlement, visit the TDEC website at <http://www.tn.gov/environment/VWSettlement>. Interested persons are advised to sign up for the TDEC VW Settlement email list at <https://signup.e2ma.net/signup/1843437/1737620/> to be kept apprised of all future and related announcements.

NRA Foundation announces 2025 event sponsors for NRA Annual Meetings & Exhibits in Atlanta

From the Hunting Wire

ATLANTA, GA., April 7, 2025 – Plan to attend The NRA Foundation’s largest fundraiser of the year, The National NRA Foundation Banquet and Auction, at the NRA’s 154th Annual Meetings and Exhibits. The event will take place at the Georgia World Congress Center on April 25, 2025, at 5pm. Funds raised at the attendee-favorite fundraiser benefit The NRA Foundation, America’s leading charitable organization in support of the shooting sports.

Henry Repeating Arms returns as the Premier Sponsor, reinforcing their steadfast dedication to the Second Amendment and firearms education. The NRA Foundation also extends heartfelt thanks to Guns.com, Kimber, and Taurus, whose generous support as Contributing Sponsors helps make this highly anticipated event possible. Our sponsors’ commitment ensures that the evening not only celebrates our freedoms but also raises vital funds to support the future of the shooting sports. Banquet activities include a variety of games and auctions featuring exotic hunts, exclusive firearms, and other unique merchandise.

Don’t miss out on the exciting activities and specialty items that will be at the National NRA Foundation Banquet and Auction this year!

Take a look at last year’s banquet highlights: <https://vimeo.com/1058285358?share=copy#t=0>

This year, The NRA Foundation is excited to bring back the fan-favorite Locked and Loaded game, with exclusive tickets available only in advance! Plus, exciting new ticket options have been introduced for this year’s event. Don’t miss out—secure your tickets now to join the biggest NRA Foundation event of the year: <https://www.friendsofnra.org/amfoundationbanquet/>! Additionally, The NRA Foundation’s popular Wall of Guns will run throughout the entire Annual Meeting weekend. Special thanks to the Wall of Guns Sponsors: Century Arms, Daniel Defense, Gallery of Guns, Henry Repeating Arms, KelTec, and Kimber. Taurus has generously taken on the role of the "Reload Raffle" sponsor. Additionally, The NRA Foundation is delighted to have Nine Line Apparel as the T-Shirt Sponsor once again! All net proceeds benefit The NRA Foundation and the future of shooting sports.

This year, the \$500 Wall of Guns ticket pack will include eight Taurus Judge Home Defender Reload Raffle tickets, five Wall of Guns tickets, and a choice of a Henry Lever Action .22 LR or a Rossi Brawler .45 Colt/.410 GA Distressed US Flag with NRA Logo. View all the ticket packs that will be available at this year’s Wall of Guns: <https://www.friendsofnra.org/events/national-events/>.

About Friends of NRA Friends of NRA is a grassroots fund-raising program that fosters community involvement to organize and, with help from NRA field staff, plan community events for firearms enthusiasts. All net proceeds from Friends of NRA events are allocated to The NRA Foundation, the leading charitable organization in support of the shooting sports. Through NRA Foundation grants for equipment, training materials, range improvements, and more, qualified local, state, and national programs receive aid to involve and inspire a new generation of competitive shooters. Learn more about Friends of NRA at www.friendsofnra.org.

About The NRA Foundation Established in 1990, The NRA Foundation, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization that raises tax-deductible contributions in support of a wide range of firearm-related public interest activities of the National Rifle Association of America and other organizations that defend and foster the Second Amendment rights of all law-abiding Americans. These activities are designed to promote firearm and hunting safety, to enhance marksmanship skills of those participating in the shootings sports, and to educate the general public about firearms in their historic, technological, and artistic context. More information about The NRA Foundation can be found online at www.nrafoundation.org.

About the National Rifle Association

Established in 1871, the National Rifle Association is America’s oldest civil rights and sportsmen’s group. Five million members strong, NRA continues its mission to uphold Second Amendment rights and is the leader in firearm education and training for law-abiding gun owners, law enforcement and the military. Visit nra.org.

The NSSF praises DOJ and ATF announcement eliminating Biden-era ‘Zero-Tolerance’ policy

APRIL 8, 2025 - NSSF (The Firearm Industry Trade Association) praises the announcement today by the Department of Justice (DOJ) and Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) that the agencies are doing away with the Biden-era “zero-tolerance” policy that punished lawful and highly-regulated Federal Firearm Licensees (FFLs) for minor clerical errors. The announcement also stated the agency was reconsidering the “Engaged in the Business” Final Rule and the Final Rule regarding factoring criteria for firearms with attached “stabilizing braces.” These particular Biden-era policies have been major impediments to the lawful and highly-regulated firearm industry’s ability to provide for the exercise of the Second Amendment. Both of those Final Rules have been enjoined by federal courts.

“NSSF applauds today’s announcement by the DOJ and ATF that the Biden-era ‘zero-tolerance’ policy is being eliminated. This is great news for the industry that provides for the lawful exercise of the Second Amendment. We have worked with the Trump administration to secure this critical industry victory since the first day of the president’s second term and we value the cooperation we’ve received at DOJ and ATF to arrive at today’s decision,” said Lawrence G. Keane, NSSF Senior Vice President and General Counsel. “The Biden administration purposefully suffocated the firearm industry at every opportunity and no policy was more damaging than its so-called ‘zero-tolerance’ policy. This reckless policy throttled small businesses and drove many to shut down by threatening crippling administrative costs to fight against penalties for minor errors and infractions that were previously reconciled in good faith between ATF officials and law-abiding firearm retailers.”

Cox and Smith in ‘So You Want to be a Coach’ from sports-Ent. 5

ing three years at Gardner-Webb. She was named First Team All-Conference and the Big South Defensive Player of the Year in 2022-23, and she received Second Team All-Conference and All-Defensive honors in her final year as a Tiger. She ended her illustrious career ranked 33rd all-time in career steals (405) and 46th all-time in career rebounds (1,336). Smith graduated from Memphis in December 2024.

The Women’s Basketball Coaches Association is the professional association for coaches of women’s and girls’ basketball at all levels of competition. Founded in 1981, the WBCA offers educational resources that coaches need to help make themselves better leaders, teachers and mentors to their players. Visit WBCA.org for more details about the association.

For complete information on Memphis Tigers Basketball, visit www.GoTigersGo.com and follow the team’s social media channels on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook.

“Additionally, NSSF is glad to learn that the ATF rule on stabilizing arm braces is also under review,” Keane added. “The Biden-era ATF published this errant rule after determining for years that stabilizing arm braces attached to a pistol did not alter the classification of the firearm and instead decided these lawfully-sold pistols would now be regulated as short-barreled rifles (SBRs), turning tens of millions of Americans into felons overnight. Exercising the Second Amendment is not possible without the firearm industry and this announcement by the DOJ and ATF today should truly be celebrated.”

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structing firearm retailers on how to stay within regulations and laws. During the Biden administration, FFL warning letters and license revocations reached a blistering pace and had devastating effects on small businesses. Former President Joe Biden infamously deemed the lawful firearm industry “the enemy” from the presidential debate stage. During the Biden administration, ATF revoked ever increasing numbers of FFL licenses each year. In addition, reports indicate that numerous FFLs voluntarily surrendered their licenses rather than endure the costly and painstaking process of clearing their name for the minor infractions. President Donald Trump has promised to protect the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding Americans. He signed an Executive Order directing Attorney General Pam Bondi to examine all orders, regulations and other executive department actions to assess any ongoing Second Amendment infringements and to present a proposed action plan of action to protect Americans’ rights. NSSF wholeheartedly supports these efforts and praises Acting Director Patel’s announcement today.

NSSF urges the DOJ to finalize the pending rule to permit federal firearms licensees to access the FBI’s National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) to voluntarily conduct employment screening checks on current and prospective employees, as provided for the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act (BSCA).

For more information, visit nssf.org.

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