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**Rising country duo Sundy Best brings the sun 'to the C' with the VCI**

**By MARK WILLIAMS**

A Lexington-based band is poised to release its debut album, "Bring Up the Sun," with a show this Saturday at the VCI Club.

"Bring Up the Sun" is the band's debut album, following their first EP, "Sirens," which was released last year.

The band's music is a mix of country, folk, and rock, with themes centered around life in the South and the challenges of growing up.

Sundy Best consists of sisters Kristen and Kaitlyn Best, who grew up in Lexington and have been playing music together since childhood.

They have been playing together for over 10 years, and their unique blend of music has caught the attention of many local and national music enthusiasts.

The band's debut album, "Bring Up the Sun," is expected to be released on May 7, and the band is currently touring in support of the album.

Sundy Best is scheduled to perform at the VCI Club this Saturday, May 21, at 9 p.m.

Tickets are available for purchase at the door, and the show is expected to be a sell-out.

To reserve your tickets, please visit the band's website at sundybest.com.
MU BASEBALL OPENS UP C-USA PLAY THIS WEEKEND

By DEREK MAY

The Herd is coming off a four-game weekend in Myrtle Beach, S.C., where the team lost to James Madison in 10 innings. The team also faced tough losses against Duke, 5-2, Grand Carolina, 2-1 and Rhode Island, 6-4. "It's been a long, tough week," Overall record of 3-5.

Redshirt junior pitcher Kyle Koseler said the team, especially the pitching staff, is well prepared to open up an up-tempo conference play against ECU, a tough opponent. "Our mentality is to attack the batters and give the ball up to our defense and let them work," Koseler said. "The young guys have to learn to control the game out there on the mound. They have to do it down and take one pitch at a time and go off each other." The Pirates are coming into the weekend with a 3-game winning streak as they defeated Western Kentucky, Pittsburgh and Ohio State at the Keith LeClair Classic. In the last couple of years, ECU has been one of the top teams in the conference. Junior outfielder Eric Escobedo said if the Ford plays well, it has a great chance at getting some victories and turn around the season.

"We really need to focus as a team on defense," Escobedo said. "Our defense helps us win games down the stretch, so taking situational ground balls and fly balls will help us out from making those little mistakes." When facing a good team such as ECU, there is little room for error. "We have to establish our presence early," Koseler said. "You have to have the right mentality and even the best hitters fail seven out of 10 times. As a staff we are going to go in there and show them that we are the ones controlling the pace of the game."

For the underclassmen, understanding the essence of conference play and how important these games are is crucial when it comes to the end of the season and tournament time. "Ever since school started we have been preaching how important conference games are," Escobedo said. "We have signs up in the locker room of Southern Miss's field which we see every day as a reminder to all of us that the tournament is what we're working towards." Marshall's first home game will be March 13 in Huntington against Morehead State. The Herd's first home weekend series will be against Southern Miss March 15 in Charleston.

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By ALEXANDRIA RAHAL

THE PARTHENON

Spring is upon the region as WSAZ hosts its annual Home and Garden Show March 7-9 at the Big Sandy Superstore Area in Huntington.

The show will last from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday.

To help homeowners prepare for spring, 130 exhibitors will showcase the latest home and garden products available.

From past control to pastel building, the show offers the newest and best ways to improve the inside and outside of homes. Several exhibitors expected to attend include: Appalachian Service, General Heating and Air Conditioning Inc., Landscaping by Hill and Crestview Home Solutions.

With an average of approximately 10,000 attendees, organizer Holly Browning said she hopes people will come to the Home and Garden Show with new ideas about how they can spruce up their own yards and homes.

“We want to provide homeowners with ideas and services that they may have never thought of before,” Browning said.

Along with the exhibitors, the show will also feature seminars every hour on a wide variety of topics such as ATV safety, growing a garden and composting.

Tri-State Master Gardeners will hold seminars Friday, Saturday and Sunday and WSAZ’s John Marra will be there to talk to attendees all three days and give presentations.

Tickets can be purchased at area bookstores, independent retailers and online. $6 for seniors 60 and older and children under age 12 are free. Alejandro Rahal can be contacted at rahal1@marshall.edu.

By JESSICA STARKEY

THE PARTHENON

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One day, the NFL talked about trying to eliminate use of the N-word from its culture.

Then, the next day, wide receiver Riley Cooper signed a five-year, $25 million contract with the Philadelphia Eagles.

Is this a good or bad thing?

Cooper, a white wide receiver, was caught on tape last summer using the N-word in the worst possible way, as a slur after a confrontation with a black security guard at a Kenny Chesney concert in Philadelphia.

The story made national news as an example of how Cooper never again would be accepted by the Eagles, nor just by white players but by black players, who use it more frequently.

The league’s competitive committee, Simmons told ESPN Radio that a rule proposal that would call for a 15-yard penalty for use of the word, as well as homosexual slurs, during games.

However, there has been no action.

Why, in their right mind, would anyone make that change?

Please, don’t give me the argument that NFL rules and locker rooms aren’t typical workplaces, that anything — even abhorrent behavior — should be allowed there.

That is nonsense.

Offensive is offensive, right?

If you have long been offensive for whites to say — and beyond insensitive — Barbour wrote.

Please, don’t give me the argument that the word isn’t as bad as one would think.

That’s definitely not. It can be used as a bludgeon, or as a club.

As former Miami Dolphins offensive line coach Bob Matheson said: “There is no scientifically proven evidence that the word is offensive to any group of people. Whether it is offensive or not depends on the context.”

Indeed, only in America.

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