

SHEDALISY — strange name, great harmonies

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Kassidy, Kelsi, and Kristyn Osborn, otherwise known as SHEDALISY, are excited to be coming to the Butler County Fair.

"We have great support from the area," Kassidy said. "It's a lot of fun!

"I love the feedback. There's nothing like a crowd. It's great to look out and see people singing along."

SHEDALISY (which is a Native American slang phrase meaning "my little sister") has made a name for itself in the country music scene in a big way during the past two years. Their first album, "The Whole SheBang," released in May of 1999, has sold more than three million copies, and contained four top-ten hits, "Little Goodbyes," "This Women Needs," "I Will...But," and "Lucky 4 You (Tonight I'm Just Me)." A fifth song, "Still Holding Out for You," is currently climbing the country music charts.

Their next stop is the Butler County Fair, 8 p.m. Saturday.

At first, many critics dismissed them as Dixie Chicks wannabes, seeing them as only another country trio of beautiful sisters. The girls and their music proved

those critics wrong.

SHEDALISY's music has been described as "an almost acrobatic vocal harmony style and a forthright, at times brash, sense of self."

"We were prepared for the Dixie Chick comparison," Kassidy said. "Once people hear our music, they realize how different we are from them."

And now they are preparing to release a remix album in September, and are currently working on a new album to be released in 2002.

"We've been in the studio since February," Kassidy said. "It's been a really long process, but we're ready for new music."

"This new album is very much SHEDALISY-fied."

The sisters grew up in a devoutly Mormon household. They began their adventure into music when they were little girls. When traveling across the states on vacation to Disneyland in their parent's station wagon, the girls would sing along to eight track tapes, making up harmonies as they went.

"I am so grateful for that upbringing," Kassidy said. "Our parents formed a strong foundation, and we know that if our music was all over, we'd have so much more."

If you go ...

WHAT: SHEDALISY, presented by 8-105 FM

WHEN: 8 p.m. Saturday

WHERE: The Grandstands at the Butler County Fairgrounds

HOW MUCH: \$15 plus the price of fair admission

After being signed to Lyric Street Records, they went to work on their album.

SHEDALISY worked with a pur-pose, and "The Whole SheBang" was the final product.

Their timing couldn't have been better. Country music was exploding with a new sound that closely resembled pop music. SHEDALISY's blend of harmonies fit well into this country-pop movement. But the trio insist they are country girls at heart.

"We always felt that country was the niche for us, the genre for us," Kelsi said. "It seemed to fit us the best. We have no interest at all to go pop!"

At the same time, their complex harmonies make them very different from other country acts. "When we started out, we didn't say, 'How progressive or how pop can we be?' We just said,



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"How different can we be?" Kristyn said. SHEDALISY's concert is at the grandstands on Saturday night.

at 8 p.m. The concert closes out the Butler County Fair. Tickets to the concert are \$15, plus the cost of fair admission.