

STEP UP RIGHT

Meet the Bluegrass Bachelors
Class of 2008

No pushing, no shoving—and please keep your hands inside the vehicle at all times.

Sampled on our pages here are a few of Lexington's most eligible bachelors
(ranging from 20 somethings to 40-somethings).

But they're three-dimensional guys. We couldn't possibly completely capture them on the page here, so come out to meet them at the Bluegrass Bachelor Party, Sunday, November 2, from 5pm to 7pm, at J. Allen Studio (corner of S. Upper and Cedar). This is an over-21 event; there will be food; there will be drink; and there will be single men and women of all ages.

Historically, guys buy even more tickets to this event than gals—they've done the math (there are just never enough Bluegrass Bachelors to go around...)

MORE IMPORTANTLY, you will also have a chance to meet the folks from Woodford Humane Society. The holidays are coming up. If you want a guaranteed sure thing for some cold-weather snuggling, meet more of THOSE furry bachelors on page 14.

Meanwhile, charge your tix at 859.252.1785, ext 229. \$10 in advance.

(They go QUICKLY.)

NAME: Mario Anderson
AGE: 22
OCCUPATION / EMPLOYER: Director of Fun, Lexington Legends
EDUCATION (AND ALMA MATERS): Bryan Station High & Eastern Kentucky University
PRIOR MARRIAGES? NONE
KIDS? Only ONE...hahaha...my, nine-month old puppy, Calvin "the Golden stallion"
HEIGHT: 5'8"
WEIGHT: 161 lbs.
HAIR (YES/NO?): Yes
FELONY CONVICTIONS (YES/NO?): None

HOW WOULD YOUR BEST FRIENDS DESCRIBE YOU IF THEY WERE TELLING A PROSPECTIVE DATE ABOUT YOU? Super enthusiastic, smiles A LOT, motivated, has crazy one liners/catchphrases, charming, texts on the cell-phone way too much

TELL US A STORY ABOUT THE BEST MEAL YOU EVER HAD IN LEXINGTON? I had lunch at the Pita Pit, near UK's campus. One of the benefits, of eating in this fine establishment, is they play all types of music genres while you dine in. Well, the afternoon, I stopped into eat, a song by the name of Billie Jean came onto the loud speaker and out of nowhere, I became compelled to display my Michael Jackson-esque hip/pelvic



dance moves. I started out slowly just dancing in my seat, but after being encouraged by a few others who were also eating inside, I stood up, danced around and entertained during a simple lunch break.

DESCRIBE THE BEST DATE YOU COULD GO ON IN LEXINGTON FOR UNDER 20 BUCKS? Lexington Legends baseball game.

WHAT ARE YOU LISTENING TO IN YOUR CAR RIGHT NOW? My mp3 player, which has a whole load of good songs...the last three songs were in order: Ozzy Osbourne "Crazy Train," O-Town "Liquid Dreams," Young Jeezy "Put On."

WHAT IS THE LAST BOOK YOU READ? Barack Obama *The Audacity of Hope*.

WHAT IS THE LAST MOVIE YOU SAW IN A THEATRE? *Sex & the City*. I thought the movie was amazing. I'm not 1) a big movie person and 2) had previously never seen a full episode of the show. But, after watching the movie, I instantly fell in love with the characters on the show and now regularly watch re-runs of the show, when I can find the time

NAME A CELEBRITY WHO BEST TYPIFIES YOUR DREAM GIRL AND WHY? Kim Kardashian. She is young, exotic, and from what I can tell from her TV show, she seems down to earth and willing to do just about anything...or at least try just about anything. On top of that, she is "girly" and just likes to get all "fancied" up every now and then (well, all the time) which isn't too bad either.

COMPLETE THE SENTENCE, "I LIKE TO SPEND MY SUNDAY AFTERNOONS..." Literally, just hanging out on the couch and relaxing with my puppy, watching Sunday football games

DESCRIBE YOUR STANCE ON LOCAL SPORTS (SO THE GIRLS

NAME: Larry Goodrich

AGE: 30

OCCUPATION/EMPLOYER: Mechanical Engineer at Lexmark

EDUCATION (AND ALMA MATERS): University of Kentucky

PRIOR MARRIAGES? No

KIDS? None

HEIGHT: 5' 11"

WEIGHT: 170 lbs.

HAIR (YES/NO?): Mostly, hanging on to what's left! Light Brown

FELONIES: No



HOW WOULD YOUR BEST FRIENDS DESCRIBE YOU IF THEY WERE TELLING A PROSPECTIVE DATE ABOUT YOU? They would probably mention that I have a sense of humor, somewhat intelligent, that I can fix stuff and can make some mean French toast.

BEST MEAL YOU EVER HAD IN LEXINGTON? Enchiladas mole (pronounced mole-ay) at Rincon. The 'ritas aren't bad, either.

DESCRIBE THE BEST DATE YOU COULD GO ON IN LEXINGTON FOR UNDER 20 BUCKS? Weather permitting—Motorcycle ride and Graeters. If it's cold/rainy—Open mic night at O'Neils/Comedy off Broadway.

WHAT ARE YOU LISTENING TO IN YOUR CAR RIGHT NOW? Either 92.9 or 98.1—whichever isn't currently running advertisements.

KNOW IF THEY EVER HAVE ANY HOPE OF SEEING YOU): Go Big Blue. I like to follow their football, men's and women's basketball teams along with the volleyball teams too!

BIGGEST DATING PET PEEVE: Girls who have louder burps than most guys.

FILL IN THE BLANK: Believing in yourself is Sexy, Believing in me is SexIER.



WHAT IS THE LAST BOOK YOU READ? Dean Koontz, *Odd Thomas*.

WHAT IS THE LAST MOVIE YOU SAW IN A THEATRE (AND WHAT DID YOU THINK)? *The Dark Knight*—it was intense!

NAME A CELEBRITY WHO BEST TYPIFIES YOUR DREAM GIRL? Tea Leoni—she's very attractive, has a really great sense of humor in real life—and has recently become single....

COMPLETE THE SENTENCE, "I LIKE TO SPEND MY SUNDAY AFTERNOONS..." Hanging out with my dog Ivy, working in the garage on one of my numerous projects, or on some twisty back road on one of the motorcycles.

DESCRIBE YOUR STANCE ON LOCAL SPORTS (SO THE GIRLS



KNOW IF THEY EVER HAVE ANY HOPE OF SEEING YOU): You can find me tailgating at every home UK game.

BIGGEST DATING PET PEEVE: Being out with someone who's too self-conscious to be herself.

FILL IN THE BLANK: Leggings are Sexy, but knit leg warmers are SexIER.

NAME: Eric Patrick Marr
AGE: 35
OCCUPATION/EMPLOYER: Organizational Architect, EPM Developments
EDUCATION (AND ALMA MATERS): Purdue University 1995, BSME (Mechanical Engineering)
PRIOR MARRIAGES? '98 - '03
KIDS? No
HEIGHT: 6'2"
WEIGHT: 200 lbs.



HAIR (YES/NO?): Yes, brown
FELONY CONVICTIONS (YES/NO?): No

HOW WOULD YOUR BEST FRIENDS DESCRIBE YOU IF THEY WERE TELLING A PROSPECTIVE DATE ABOUT YOU? Outside the box, passionate, aggressive even. Nice and thoughtful, but definitely "out there." Not "ordinary." Arguably insane.

BEST MEAL YOU EVER HAD IN LEXINGTON? Well, in all truthfulness, my mom makes the best damn Thanksgiving meals this side of her own mom. Other than that, Columbia's, back 20 years ago, rocked my world with their "Special," huge-ass potato and huge-ass Diego salad! Malone's comes close nowadays.

NAME: Rory "Russell" Mendez
AGE: 42
OCCUPATION/EMPLOYER: Technical Director, Lexington Children's Theatre
EDUCATION (AND ALMA MATERS): UCF, but mostly dark backstages from Florida to Maine
PRIOR MARRIAGES? 1
KIDS? NONE
HEIGHT: 5'10"
WEIGHT: 200 lbs.
HAIR (YES/NO?): Yes
FELONY CONVICTIONS (YES/NO?): No

HOW WOULD YOUR BEST FRIENDS DESCRIBE YOU IF THEY WERE TELLING A PROSPECTIVE DATE ABOUT YOU? RUN!!! Not really. I think they would say things like...different, off beat, weird...quirky. I think they would also mention a fierce loyalty, caring, gentlemanly, safe(ish).

BEST MEAL YOU EVER HAD IN LEXINGTON? Surprise Theatre at Natasha's. I really like the food there and every meal has been quite good. But when you add the show..... there is nothing like it. I don't know if I could pick just one.

DESCRIBE THE BEST DATE YOU COULD GO ON IN LEXINGTON FOR UNDER 20 BUCKS? Graeter's Ice Cream and a walk in Woodland Park.

WHAT ARE YOU LISTENING TO IN YOUR CAR RIGHT NOW? Well that's a bit hard to pin down. I have five disks in and a couple of them are compilations. So let's just say....Old School Punk, Hank Williams Sr., Dead Can Dance, The The, and Gangsta Rap.

WHAT IS THE LAST BOOK YOU READ? I just finished Heinlein's *To Sail Beyond the Sunset*. Right now I am about a third of the way through Bruce Cambell's *If Chins Could Kill: Confessions of a B Movie Actor*.

WHAT'S THE LAST MOVIE YOU SAW IN A THEATRE (AND WHAT DID YOU THINK)? I really don't go to the movie theatre all that much. Last movie I went to see....*Wall-E*. Robots can make me cry and laugh.

NAME A CELEBRITY WHO BEST TYPIFIES YOUR DREAM GIRL?

DESCRIBE THE BEST DATE YOU COULD GO ON IN LEXINGTON FOR UNDER 20 BUCKS? Firehouse Subs or Bourbon & Toulouse for dinner, then Barnes & Noble for reading/dessert/coffee!

WHAT IS THE LAST BOOK YOU READ? *The Dip*, by Seth Godin.

NAME A CELEBRITY WHO BEST TYPIFIES YOUR DREAM GIRL Julia Roberts. Gorgeous and her personality in *Erin Brockovich* completely won me over, for life! Plus, what incredible cleavage and legs!

COMPLETE THE SENTENCE, "I LIKE TO SPEND MY SUNDAY AFTERNOONS...." Not doing a damned thing. Maybe watching the Masters or US Open, or the NFL if a good game is on. With Skyline Chili Dip and a Coke by my side!

DESCRIBE YOUR STANCE ON LOCAL SPORTS (SO THE GIRLS KNOW IF THEY EVER HAVE ANY HOPE OF SEEING YOU): Kentucky Basketball is my life. I wish UK Football had the tradition of Buckeye or Alabama Football. I wish the Reds and Bengals didn't suck.

BIGGEST DATING PET PEEVE: When either person is not authentic. I HATE THAT MORE THAN ANYTHING.

FILL IN THE BLANK: Meg Ryan is Sexy, but Megan Fox is SexIER.



Jennifer Connelly. I have always thought of her as a true example of the girl next door. She can be quite striking on the red carpet but have you seen pics of her in overalls with her hair in a cap, yeah man! More important than looks, she has a brain and opinions.

COMPLETE THE SENTENCE, "I LIKE TO SPEND MY SUNDAY AFTERNOONS...." Digging in the dirt. Building something weird. Reading the paper. Sipping coffee. Watching a DVD. Playing a game. Taking a nap. Walking the dog. Doing nothing.

DESCRIBE YOUR STANCE ON LOCAL SPORTS (SO THE GIRLS KNOW IF THEY EVER HAVE ANY HOPE OF SEEING YOU): I don't follow the day to day or even week to week of any sport. I do enjoy watching a Final Four or Superbowl. I really like the World Cup but that's like every four years.

BIGGEST DATING PET PEEVE: When someone doesn't even try to hold a conversation. On the other hand I dislike not getting a chance to speak.

Fill in the blank: Self confidence is Sexy, but intelligence is SexIER.

NAME: Billy Frey
AGE: 32
OCCUPATION/EMPLOYER: Public Relations, Alltech
EDUCATION (IF YOU KNOW IT): BA, Economics, Centre College
PRIOR MARRIAGES? No
KIDS? No
HEIGHT: 5'11"
WEIGHT: 175 lbs.
HAIR (YES/NO?): Brown, yes



HOW WOULD YOUR BEST FRIENDS DESCRIBE YOU IF THEY WERE TELLING A PROSPECTIVE DATE ABOUT YOU? "He is a modern-day Renaissance man...a well rounded likable guy. He cooks, enjoys the arts (mostly martial), watches and participates in sports, is well traveled and well read, and has the social graces of a debonair KY Gentleman." or "He's as good as you're going to find who's still single and nearing his mid-30s." Both actual quotes

NAME: Chris Dietz
AGE: 40
OCCUPATION/EMPLOYER: Anchor/Reporter/WTVQ 36 News
EDUCATION (AND ALMA MATERS): Bachelors Degree/Pepperdine University
PRIOR MARRIAGES? None that I will admit to.
KIDS? Nope
HEIGHT: 6'2"
WEIGHT: 235 lbs.
HAIR (YES/NO?): Yes, Plenty
FELONY CONVICTIONS (YES/NO?): No Convictions.

DESCRIBE THE BEST DATE YOU COULD GO ON IN LEXINGTON FOR UNDER 20 BUCKS? I wasn't aware you could date for less than 20 bucks?!

WHAT ARE YOU LISTENING TO IN YOUR CAR RIGHT NOW? Hakim Boite, The Beastie Boys, *The Last of the Mohicans* Soundtrack and two other discs I obviously haven't played much...I have a very short commute!

WHAT IS THE LAST BOOK YOU READ? *Bloody Confused!: A Clueless American Sportswriter Seeks Solace in American Soccer* by Chuck Culpepper (former sportswriter for the *Herald-Leader*).

WHAT IS THE LAST MOVIE YOU SAW IN A THEATRE? *Mirrors*. I thought it was well...not so good.

NAME A CELEBRITY WHO BEST TYPIFIES YOUR DREAM GIRL: Elle Macpherson. Natural, Athletic Look, Great Accent

COMPLETE THE SENTENCE, "I LIKE TO SPEND MY SUNDAY AFTERNOONS..." "knee deep in NFL games!" I have 4 TVs with satellite in one room!

DESCRIBE YOUR STANCE ON LOCAL SPORTS: See above answer. Sports has always been huge in my life.



WTVQ's Chris Dietz (right)

BEST MEAL YOU EVER HAD IN LEXINGTON? I'm sure it involved some good friends, some good wine, and a great steak.

WHAT ARE YOU LISTENING TO IN YOUR CAR RIGHT NOW? Tie: Howard Stern and Too Phat Hype

WHAT IS THE LAST BOOK YOU READ? *A Thousand Splendid Suns*.

NAME A CELEBRITY WHO BEST TYPIFIES YOUR DREAM GIRL Jessica Biel. You have to ask?

COMPLETE THE SENTENCE, "I LIKE TO SPEND MY SUNDAY AFTERNOONS..." by the grill.

DESCRIBE YOUR STANCE ON LOCAL SPORTS (SO THE GIRLS KNOW IF THEY EVER HAVE ANY HOPE OF SEEING YOU): By the time you read this, I might be coaching special teams for the Cats. I love them too much to see a replay of the Florida game occur.

BIGGEST DATING PET PEEVE: Alcoholism

FILL IN THE BLANK: Burt Reynolds is Sexy, but his moustache is SexIER.

BIGGEST DATING PET PEEVE: Dishonesty. ■

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Bluegrass Bachelor Party

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South Hill Neighborhood
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Meet these Eligible Pooches

And take one Home....

If you don't find the love of your life at the Bluegrass Bachelor Party on Sunday (or even if you do), you might make room in your heart and home for one of these attractive, single, eligible guys.

Sure, they may drink out of the toilet...but they'll never leave the seat up!

Come to think of it, THOSE guys might not have a chance once you get a load of THESE four-legged prospective partners.

Name: Jack
Age: 8-years-old
Education (and alma maters): Housetrained, Sit, Shake, Come, Lie Down. Would like to go to grad school.

Prior Marriages? Do you really want to know?
Kids? Of course not, I'm neutered like all dogs should be!
Height: Large
Weight: Do I have to tell? Ok, I'm 60 pounds.
Hair (yes/no?): Black and beautiful!
Felony convictions (yes/no?): Nope, not a one!



How would your best friends describe you if they were telling a prospective HOME about you?

My human sadly got too sick to take care of me anymore. But I'm still an intelligent, playful and obedient friend

and promise to love you with all my heart. Wait. Did I just over-share?

What are you listening to right now?

"Jumping Jack Flash," Rolling Stones.

Name a Celebrity who best typifies your Dream Girl and why?

Diane. I'll tell you a little ditty about it if you adopt me.

Complete the sentence, "I like to spend my Sunday afternoons...."

Walking hand in leash with the two-legged love of my life.

Biggest PET peeve: Please. Mr. Postman.



Name: Sonny
Age: 1 and a half years old
Education (and alma maters): I can wag my entire body, not just my tail.
Prior Marriages? No baggage here!
Kids? I practice safe sex, I'm neutered.
Height: Medium to Large
Weight: 50 pounds of pure love!
Hair (yes/no?): Red with golden highlights
Felony convictions (yes/no?): Not this pup!

How would your best friends describe you if they were telling a prospective HOME about you? I was found as a stray, but my heart doesn't wander. Your friends will love me. If you're a little commitment-shy, I can keep myself entertained with other dogs too—I like them. I'm not clingy or anything, but I'm all about snuggling and spooning....And cold weather is coming up.

What are you listening to right now? "I Got You Babe," Sonny and Cher

Name a Celebrity who best typifies your Dream Girl and why? Cher, there's something about that long, gorgeous hair....

Complete the sentence, "I like to spend my Sunday afternoons...." Dancing and playing!

Biggest PET peeve: Really, none, I'm happy go lucky all the time!

Name: TJ
Age: 1-year-old
Education (and alma maters): I didn't get a chance to go to school when I was younger, perhaps we can enroll in some classes together.

Prior Marriages?

I'm too young to have been married.

Kids? Noooooo!

I'm a kid myself, sheesh!

Height: Large

Weight: 60

pounds of joy!

Hair (yes/no?):

Blonde

Felony convictions (yes/no?): What's a felony, kinda rhymes with boloney...you got some?



How would your best friends describe you if they were telling a prospective HOME about you? TJ means Total Joy.

What are you listening to right now? "Who Let the Dogs Out?" Baha Men

Name a Celebrity who best typifies your Dream Girl and why? Diane Keaton, because she's the spokesperson for the 2008 Home 4 The Holidays Adoption Campaign and, I really did love her in Annie Hall.

Complete the sentence, "I like to spend my Sunday afternoons...." Loving on my human!

Biggest PET peeve: When humans leave their hair in the drain.



Name: Bandit
Age: 2-years-old
Education (and alma maters): Naturally brilliant with my Aussie/Shep Mix instincts!

Prior Marriages? Nope.

Kids? Adoption is the way to go!

Height: Large

Weight: 46 pounds

Hair (yes/no?): Long hair rocks!

Felony convictions (yes/no?): If love is a crime, I'm guilty!

How would your best friends describe you if they were telling a prospective HOME about you? They would say "Bandit is a true athlete. He loves to play ball, and he's so fast he'll have it back for you to toss before you know it! He might just be THAT cool dog that will play Frisbee with you in the park if you take him to agility training."

What are you listening to right now?

"Bandit," Neil Young.

Name a Celebrity who best typifies your Dream Girl and why? Mia Hamm, I know she and I would have fun playing soccer together!

Complete the sentence, "I like to spend my Sunday afternoons...."

Making you feel loved.

Biggest PET peeve: An unused ball.



Name: Tanker

Age: 1-year-old

Education (and alma maters): Sit. Down. Lay

Down. Crate Trained. I'm hungry to learn more!

Prior Marriages? Lived with another dog, but we were just "friends."

Kids? I don't have any, but I like playing with older kids!

Height: Large

Weight: 55 pounds

Hair (yes/no?): Brindle

Felony convictions (yes/no?): Of course not! I'm a good boy!

How would your best friends describe you if they were telling a prospective HOME about you? If you like to go for rides to the Gorge or Raven Run for some hiking, Tanker is your boy! He loves car rides, going on walks, and just plain being with humans. He plays fetch and can't wait to get you off

your butt for some FUN! He's got the best smile and gives great canine kisses!

What are you listening to right now?

"Army of Me," Bjork (*Tank Girl* Sound Track)

Name a Celebrity who best typifies your Dream Girl and why? Lori Petty, she was pretty cool in *Tank Girl!*

Complete the sentence, "I like to spend my Sunday afternoons...."

in my forever home with a family who will love me for me!

Biggest PET peeve: The doggie next to me getting adopted instead of me!



Name: Tanner

Age: 6-years-old

Education (and alma maters): Masters Degree in sniffing.

Prior Marriages? No

Kids? Can you say "neuter is cuter?"

Height: Small

Weight: 24 pounds

Hair (yes/no?): Tri-colored

Felony convictions (yes/no?): Bunnies, squirrels and bugs can't press charges, can they?

How would your best friends describe you if they were telling a prospective HOME about you? They would say, "Tanner is a Regal Beagle and will make you feel special when you're with him. He is smart and very loving. Kids adore Beagles (well, there IS the Snoopy thing...) and they adore kids!

Tanner is a bit more special than most Beagles because he's got one blue eye and one brown, so he's a looker for sure! He is cuddly and perfect!"

What are you listening to right now?

"Hound Dog," Elvis Presley.

Name a Celebrity who best typifies your Dream Girl and why? Ashley Sniffpson, she's got it going on!

Complete the sentence, "I like to spend my Sunday afternoons...." cuddling with humans.

Biggest PET peeve: Not being able to sniff.



Name: Tucker

Age: 1-year-old

Education (and alma maters): Knows what love is!

Prior Marriages? No

Kids? Neutered, sorry.

Height: Small

Weight: 20 pounds

Hair (yes/no?): Brown and Black.

Felony convictions (yes/no?): Not me!

How would your best friends describe you if they were telling a prospective HOME about you? Tucker's daddy died so he became homeless. He's an adorable, playful, sweet boy who should be in a loving home.

What are you listening to right now?

"Tomorrow", Annie Soundtrack

Name a Celebrity who best typifies your Dream Girl and why? Felicity Huffman from *Desperate Housewives*, she's desperate to help save animals through adoption!

Complete the sentence, "I like to spend my Sunday afternoons...."

With someone who loves me.

Biggest PET peeve: Not being in a home. ■