

# **Montana Mike's to open in August**

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Brad Anderson, managing partner in the company developing Woodlands Plaza and Highland Pointe shopping centers on Kentucky 54, is branching out into restaurants.

Montana Mike's Steakhouse last week announced an agreement with Anderson to open six locations in Kentucky over the next five years.

Anderson's Owensboro restaurant is slated to open in Woodlands Plaza in August.

The agreement also calls for restaurants in Nicholasville/ Lexington, Hopkinsville/Fort Campbell, Bowling Green and the greater Louisville area.

The 8-year-old chain currently has 22 restaurants.

Incidentally, Montana Mike's says the National Cattlemen's Beef Association recently reported that spending on beef reached a record \$71 billion in 2005.

-- Sales of new cars and trucks were both up in May.

State records show 130 new trucks and 89 new cars were sold here last month.

That's 219 vehicles.

In May 2005, local dealers sold 77 new cars and 122 new trucks -- 199 vehicles.

For the first five months of 2006, we've seen 616 trucks and 356 cars roll out of local showrooms.

That's 972 vehicles.

And it's down from 689 trucks and 392 cars -- 1,081 vehicles -- in the first five months of last year.

-- The Toyota Camry was the best-selling car in Owensboro last month with 16 sold.

It was followed by the Pontiac Grand Prix and Toyota Corolla with 15 each; Honda Accord, 11; and Honda Civic, nine.

-- The Ford F-Series led truck sales with 32 sold.

It was followed by Chevrolet's new HHR with 19; Chevrolet C/K, 15; GMC C/K, 14; and Dodge Ram, 13.

-- Running out of things to worry about?

Fidelity.com estimates that a 65-year-old couple retiring today will need \$200,000 to cover the medical cost of their retirement years.

That's assuming that the man lives another 17 years and the woman, another 20.

-- Unity Marketing's Luxury Report 2006 says retail sales in traditional department stores have dropped 13 percent in the last five years, according to ChainStoreAge.com.

The report says sales dropped from \$96.3 billion in 2000 to \$84.1 billion last year.

Wal-Mart and other discount stores have lured away lower-income customers, while luxury shoppers are turning to other shopping destinations, the study found.

-- The U.S. Census Bureau says the retail trade, health care and social assistance, and accommodations and food services industries added more than 1.1 million jobs between 2003 and 2004.

The report, 2004 County Business Patterns, says retail trade added 483,606 jobs; followed by health care and social assistance (342,629 jobs); and accommodations and food services (310,160 jobs).

-- The Las Vegas Sun recently reported that cocktail waitresses there can earn up to \$90,000 a year in tips, delivering bottles of champagne to high rollers.

But you have to be a young (under 25), attractive woman.