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Showcase 'Euro' looks will show up in Henpeck Lane subdivision  
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Besides Deer Creek Construction's involvement in the upcoming Countrywide Parade of Homes, builder Joe Melz is getting ready to break ground on Belle Vista, a new gated community off Henpeck Lane that is sure to become known for its distinguished architecture, he said.

Priced from the \$500,000s, the homes, all built by Deer Creek, will range from 3,250 to more than 5,000 square feet. As you enter the richly landscaped entrance and gates, picture distinctive Old World styles like Italianate, French Country or English Tudor tucked against the lush hillside. In Belle Vista, you won't find a Georgian- or Federal-style home, says Joe, who's also one of the developers of the project. "We want to create that European feel."

Melz, who's known for building multimillion-dollar homes, plans to vary the exteriors with stone, painted brick and real stucco. He will include timeless wrought-iron window boxes, gas lanterns, real wood-burning fireplaces, proper outside venting for cooking and ornate porch detailing. Inside, many homes will have circular staircases, stained custom-made wood mantels and porches with antique, stained bead board ceilings.

"We want these homes to feel like a million, but homeowners won't have to pay a million," Melz said.

The intimate, 130-acre community will offer one-third-acre lots. About 75 acres will be common area and include a passive park, miles of walking trails and a viewing retreat. When completed, around 50% of the 94 homes will back to open space to give them the feel of a never-ending backyard. Homeowners' dues are expected to be around \$60 to \$80 per month.

The first of 30 homes in Phase One are expected to be ready for move-in by spring 2006. Parkside Realty is taking lot reservations for the first 30 homes in Phase One. For more information, call Realtor Lisa Klasen at 615-618-0342.

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