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May 30--In another sign that maybe the local housing market is improving, Beazer Homes of North Carolina announced Friday it has secured property for its next community in the Sanford area, Reserve at Carthage Colonies.

The property for Reserve at Carthage Colonies is located near the company's current development, Carthage Colonies, off Carthage Street.

"We are extremely pleased to be in a growth mode at Beazer Homes and we're excited to continue our presence in Sanford," said Beazer Homes North Carolina Division President Scott Phillips in a press release.

Reserve at Carthage Colonies will feature three to six bedroom homes priced from \$128,990, all engineered with Beazer eSMART features which compose a comprehensive program designed to save energy, conserve water and improve indoor air quality while lowering utility bills. Additionally, the homes include vinyl shake accent siding, brick, and stone elevations (per plan); sodded front and side yards with a Signature landscaping package; smooth ceilings; kitchens equipped with an Energy Star dishwasher as well as other energy efficient appliances; and master bedrooms separated from secondary bedrooms for privacy and reduced noise.

Beazer Homes USA, Inc., headquartered in Atlanta, is one of the country's ten largest single-family homebuilders with continuing operations in 17 states.

For more information on Reserve at Carthage Colonies or Beazer Homes, call (888) 623-2937 or visit www.beazer.com.

Screenmobile celebrates five years

Steve and Dot Landis, owners of Screenmobile of Harnett County, are celebrating five years in business this month.

In 2005, after more than 20 years in the lumber trade, the Landises returned to North Carolina, built on family property and opened up a Screenmobile franchise. They learned about the business from Dot Landis's brother, Larry Weathers, who owns Screenmobile of Raleigh.

Steve said that business started strong with ties to the building industry. In the first three years he had employees and two trailers, however, two years ago he had to let people go, sold one of the trailers and diversified his client base. He continued his business alone with one trailer but has noticed a strong increase this year, his fifth year in business.

He has noticed an increased demand for solar screens, because they block 80-90 percent of the sun's radiant heat, which reduces cooling costs.

Screenmobile is a mobile screen repair and replacement service that custom builds screens on-site to fit any shape or size for homes, businesses and multi-unit apartment complexes. Screenmobile offers a variety of products from window screens, door screens, retractable screen doors, porch and patio screens, sun control and insect screening.

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