

Local real estate agent earns 'e-PRO' certification

Elizabeth Guthrie, GRI, e-PRO, of Guthrie Properties has successfully completed the e-PRO course to become one of a few real estate professionals to earn the certification offered by the National Association of Realtors.

The e-PRO certification course is an educational program unlike any other professional certification or designation course available, comprehensive and interactive.

It is specifically designed to provide real estate professionals with the technology tools needed to assist consumers in the purchase or sale of a home.

With more than 70 percent of consumers beginning their real estate research on the Internet, e-PRO certified agents have the experience and expertise to meet the demands of today's buyer and seller.

"The real estate industry has undergone a fundamental change over the past several years," said Elizabeth Guthrie of Guthrie Properties.



Guthrie

"A majority of consumers are taking the time to conduct their own research prior to contacting an agent.

In turn, real estate professionals must be knowledgeable of how technology can assist them in serving the needs of the buying and selling public."

The e-PRO certification course is presented entirely online and certifies real estate agents and brokers as Internet professionals.

Students are able to complete the course at their own pace, when and where they want, online.

The course is designed to help realtors stay at the leading edge of technology and identify, evaluate and implement new Internet business models.

Once completed, the e-PRO certified real estate professional joins the ranks of a special community of highly skilled and continuously trained professionals who provide high quality and innovative online-based real estate services.

The course instructs participants in the professional use of e-mail, the development of an interactive Web site, and the use of online research tools. Graduates use the skills they've acquired to provide clients information on properties for sale, local communities, and the local real estate market.

For more information, e-mail Elizabeth Guthrie at Elizabeth@ElizabethGuthrie.com or call 903.316.9700.

Eastlake Church invites public to join 'Three Days of Praise'

Eastlake Church invites everyone to take part in what they've dubbed "Three Days of Praise."

The event includes the renowned group, "The Southern Joy Quartet," and performers Larry and Freida Sinclair.

The event is set for 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. July 29 in Teaselville.

The Southern Joy Quartet began as a trio back in 1997 primarily singing in local churches or local events. "Rudy, Joe, and Elton knew the Lord must have had a greater calling on our

ministry at the time, but were unclear as to what extent," church members said.

In 2000, the stage was set and all the pieces seem to be in place, for the beginning of a journey to share the gospel through music.

Some memorable concerts and events were opening for Ivan Parker, being nominated for the award, "Inspirational Group of the Year," by the Coast to Coast Country Association, being on radio, both AM 660 KSKY and FM 91.7 KVTT, and opening for the

Melody Boys at the Will Rogers Coliseum in Fort Worth.

Larry Sinclair sings, does chalk art and preaches after his drawings. Freida does ventriloquism and adds to their service in many other ways, sharing testimonies and teaching the noon services.

Larry has been in full-time vocational evangelism for more than 30 years. Three of these years were spent singing with the "Followers Quartet." Larry and Freida — along with their children — began a local church ministry.

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Texas Tech names honor students

Bullard graduate and Texas Tech sophomore Catherine Cheryl Arnold made the President's List for the Spring 2007 semester.

Texas Tech presented degrees to approximately 2,525 graduated students the Spring 2007 Commencement in the United Spirit Arena on campus on Saturday, May 12, 2007, and approximately 5,270 students qualified for either the President's List or the Dean's List in the spring semester.

To make the President's List, a student has to take at least 12 qualifying credit hours and have a 4.0 grade point average (GPA). Students qualifying for the Dean's List also must take at least 12 qualifying hours and have a GPA of 3.5 to 3.9.

Arnold is majoring in political science.

Brook Hill grad named scholar

Kira Schell Langsjoen of Tyler is a 2007 College Sponsored National Merit Scholar. Ms. Langsjoen attended her freshman year at Bullard High School and completed the remainder of her high school years at The Brook Hill School. She graduated as salutatorian garnering honors and multiple awards. She has been offered additional scholar-

ships from colleges and universities across the United States.

Each year a total of 55,000 high school students across the USA compete on the PSAT in the honored National Merit Program. According to Mandy Geran from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation, located in Evanston, Ill., the program's qualifying stage is based on the students index.

The selection index is simply the sum of three PSAT scores: math, verbal and writing. Semi-finalists and finalists are determined by the highest PSAT Scores.

Of the 55,000 qualifying students, 16,000 advance to semi-finalist and finalist status. From the 16,000 brilliant students chosen as semi-finalists, only 8,200 students become finalists. Finalists are chosen based on PSAT scores of 217 or above, their leadership abilities, skills and accomplishments. Langsjoen was recognized as a finalist in March.

Langsjoen is a member of Ballet Tyler, is an pianist, and is an active member of the First United Methodist Church in Bullard. Ms. Langsjoen has accepted scholarships with Texas A&M University in College Station and will attend in the fall. She plans to pursue a degree in physics.

She is the daughter of Stan Langsjoen and

Kathleen Wallace.

Mary-Hardin lists achievers

The University of Mary Hardin-Baylor announced that 317 students have been listed on the spring 2007 provost honor roll.

Flint resident Jodye Allane Templeton was one of the students who achieved this status.

To receive this recognition a student must achieve a 3.7 grade point average (GPA) or better on a 4.0 scale.

TSU lists honor students

East Texans have been named to the spring 2007 dean's list at Texas State University-San Marcos. They include: Melanie B. Haynes and Benjamin L Campbell, both of Flint. To be named to the dean's list, a student must earn a minimum grade-point average of 3.50 while carrying a class load of at least 12 hours.

TCU releases dean's list

Texas Christian University named students ending the spring 2007 semester with a at least a 3.4 GPA, making the dean's list at the Fort Worth school.

Include is Blake Billings of Flint.

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