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MBA Names Maury Cocquyt, Jr. 2008 Mishawaka Person of the Year

Award presented that MBA Annual Meeting & Dinner along with Business of the Year

Mishawaka, IN, February 28, 2008 – The Mishawaka Business Association (MBA) board of directors today announced the selection of Maury Cocquyt as the 2008 Mishawaka Person of the Year. The award was presented at the 2008 MBA Annual Meeting and Dinner at Windsor Park in Mishawaka.

The award was presented by Marc Merrill, MBA 2007 Person of the Year, on behalf of the MBA Board of Directors. “Maury Cocquyt was selected as the MBA Person of the Year because he is involved in every aspect of life in the City. From running a successful iconic restaurant on the West End to supporting numerous civic and charitable organizations to serving on the Transpo Board to under writing and supporting the many cultural, sporting and civic events in the city. It seems that Maury is always doing something, large or small, to promote the City and benefit the community at large.” said Marc Merrill at the presentation of the award.

The naming of The Troyer Group as the 2008 MBA Business of the Year also highlighted the evening. The award was presented to LeRoy Troyer by Wyn Laidig of Laidig Systems, 2007 Business of the Year Awardee. “The MBA honors The Troyer Group for its 35 years of outstanding service to the City of Mishawaka and the community in general,” said Laidig.

Gov. Joe Kernan presented the evening’s keynote address. Gov. Kernan highlighted the findings of the Blue Ribbon Panel on Local Government and what this will mean for Mishawaka and the area.

St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, WSBT Stations, 1st Source and NylonCraft underwrote the Annual Meeting and Dinner. This is the second year that the MBA has made the award under the new criteria.

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BACKGROUND: Maury Cocquyt, Jr.

Maury Cocquyt is a lifelong resident of Mishawaka and a dedicated member of the Mishawaka community. As with the entire Cocquyt family, Maury is highly respected in the community as a business leader and for his tireless support of local charities along with public and private endeavors in Mishawaka.

A 1974 graduate of Mishawaka High School, Maury spent 35 years working in the family business, Eagle Brand Pet Food, where he held a variety of positions within the company.

In 1990 Maury purchased Pat's Colonial Pub, a local iconic Mishawaka restaurant that was first opened in 1910. The restaurant was re-named Maury's/Pat's Pub in 2005 and the legend continues on today. Maury's has expanded the business to employ 18 persons and to include catering, all while continuing to be the area's most talked about Notre Dame themed restaurant.

In addition to his business contributions to Mishawaka, Maury represents the City of Mishawaka on the Transpo Board of Directors, servers on the Kamm Island Fest Committee and previously served on the Hotel/Motel Tax Board for St. Joseph County. Maury is also active in supporting Hannah's House, Camp Mill House, Hannah & Friends, Boy's & Girl's Club of St. Joseph County, St. Bavo's Athletic Association, and Marion High School Athletics.

Maury is an avid follower and supporter of The Iditarod Dog Sled Race in Alaska. Along with the family business, he has personally sponsored the winner of the Iditarod in 1992, 1994, 1997 and 2002. He is also involved with the Businessmen's Dog Sled Race in Alaska.

Maury clearly represents what is great about Mishawaka - he wants what is best for the city, and this dedication to Mishawaka is evident not only in his words, but more importantly in his actions and deeds. There is hardly a time that Maury cannot be counted on to support a group, lend a hand and help promote the great things that happen in Mishawaka.

In awarding Maury Cocquyt the MBA Mishawaka Person of the Year the MBA Board of Directors honors a man and a family that has spent so many years of hard work and dedication to make Mishawaka a great place to live and work.

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BACKGROUND: The Troyer Group

The Troyer Group was created in 1971 as a sole proprietorship providing architecture and planning services. The firm currently employs over 70 professionals and provides a full range of in-house services including: Architecture , Engineering (civil, structural, mechanical and electrical), Interior Design , Landscape Architecture, Construction Administration Services.

As a leader in sustainable design since our inception, The Troyer Group believes that all it does with and to our environment must contribute to its maintenance or improvement. The Troyer Group has six LEED accredited professionals on staff and 28 staff members trained in LEED.

With its design solutions, it seeks to enhance the enjoyment of its clients while contributing to their overall wellness. The Troyer Group takes pride in building and maintaining close relationships with its clients while helping them achieve their mission and goals.

The firm is family managed by LeRoy Troyer, President & Chairman of the Board; Ron Troyer, Vice-President and Terry Troyer, CEO.

Mishawaka Business Association is a 501(c)6 non-profit organization. Its mission is to promote the growing business environment in Mishawaka and to be a resource and advocate for the Association's members while supporting, facilitating and enhancing commercial opportunities in the city.

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