



Lee Enterprises Declares Quarterly Dividend

May 21, 2004

DAVENPORT, Iowa--(BUSINESS WIRE)--May 21, 2004--The Board of Directors of Lee Enterprises, Incorporated (NYSE:LEE), has declared a quarterly cash dividend of 18 cents per share. The dividend is payable July 1, 2004, to stockholders of record of both the Common Stock and Class B Common Stock as of June 1, 2004.

Lee Enterprises is based in Davenport, Iowa, and is the premier publisher of daily newspapers in midsize markets. Lee owns 38 daily newspapers and a joint interest in six others, along with associated online services. Lee also publishes nearly 200 weekly newspapers, shoppers and classified and specialty publications. Lee stock is traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol LEE. More information about Lee Enterprises is available at www.lee.net.

CONTACT: Lee Enterprises, Incorporated, Davenport
Dan Hayes, 563-383-2163
dan.hayes@lee.net

SOURCE: Lee Enterprises, Incorporated