

Lee Enterprises Declares Quarterly Dividend

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DAVENPORT, Iowa--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Aug. 19, 2005--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 Oct. 3, 2005, to stockholders of record of both the Common Stock and Class B Common Stock as of Sept. 1, 2005.

With the acquisition of Pulitzer, Lee owns 52 daily newspapers and a joint interest in six others. Lee also operates associated online services and more than 300 weekly newspapers, shoppers and classified and specialty publications. Lee is based in Davenport, Iowa, and its stock is traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol LEE. More information about Lee Enterprises is available at www.lee.net.

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