

Linda Lindus Becomes Lee Enterprises VP

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DAVENPORT, Iowa--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Oct. 17, 2005--Lee Enterprises (NYSE:LEE) announced today that Linda Lindus has been promoted from group publisher to vice president, with responsibility for eight daily newspapers.

In addition to her duties as publisher of The Pantagraph in Bloomington, Ill., she will continue to oversee publishing operations in Decatur, Mattoon and Charleston, Ill., and will gain responsibility for newspapers in Auburn, N.Y.; Carlisle, Pa.; Orangeburg, S.C.; and Maysville, Ky.

"Linda has been an outstanding publisher and strong group leader, as well as a key voice on our top leadership team," said Mary Junck, Lee chairman and chief executive officer. "This promotion allows her to bring her creativity, drive and coaching skills to more of our markets."

Lindus joined Lee in 2000 as publisher of The Southern Illinoisan in Carbondale, Ill., and moved to the Herald & Review in Decatur as publisher and group leader in 2002. She has been publisher in Bloomington since June. Before joining Lee, she was an award-winning publisher for Thomson Newspapers in Utah. In 1992, she became the first woman to serve as president of the Arizona Newspapers Association, and in 1995 she received its Presidential Award as a master editor and publisher. Under her leadership, The Southern Illinoisan received the Illinois Press Association's award for general excellence, the state's top award, and the Herald & Review received it three times.

Junck also announced several reassignments among other Lee operating vice presidents:

- Kevin Mowbray will gain responsibility for publishing operations based in Mason City, Iowa, and Glens Falls, N.Y. He is publisher of The Times of Northwest Indiana and also oversees newspapers in DeKalb, III., and Waterloo, Iowa. Lindus reports to Mowbray.
- Terrance C.Z. Egger, who has responsibility for St. Louis operations, will gain responsibility for newspapers in Carbondale, III., and Park Hills, Mo. He also is publisher of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch.
- Greg Veon will assume corporate responsibility for Lee's publishing interests in Tucson, Ariz. He also oversees Lee
 operations in 11 other states.

Lee's other operating vice presidents are Michael Gulledge, James Hopson and John VanStrydonck.

Lee Enterprises 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. For more information about Lee, please visit www.lee.net.

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