



Lee Enterprises Publishing Executive Will Retire

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MISSOULA, Mont.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Oct. 22, 2007--John VanStrydonck, publisher of the Missoulian and a vice president of Lee Enterprises, Incorporated (NYSE:LEE), announced today that he is retiring at the end of October after 26 years with the company.

In addition to the Missoulian, he has responsibility for daily newspapers in Hamilton, Mont.; Albany, Corvallis and Coos Bay, Ore.; Longview, Wash.; Santa Maria, Lompoc, Hanford and Napa, Calif.; and Lihue, Hawaii.

"I have enjoyed working for Lee," he said. "It has been a privilege to work with many exceptional people at the Missoulian and all across Lee. Now, Mary Ann and I look forward to taking a little time off while we decide what to do with the next phase of our life."

Mary Junck, Lee chairman and chief executive officer, and Greg R. Veon, vice president for publishing, praised VanStrydonck for making significant contributions as a production expert, publisher, publishing vice president and member of Lee's top executive team.

"We're grateful to John for his many years of leadership and strong record of achievement," Junck said. "Throughout his career in Lee, he has handled a diverse array of key responsibilities and has always made a notable difference. People from throughout Lee will miss him. We'll especially miss his can-do attitude, insightful analysis and keen intellect."

VanStrydonck joined the company in 1981 as production manager at Madison Newspapers in Wisconsin and in 1986 became publisher of the Globe-Gazette in Mason City, Iowa. In 1991, he was appointed president and chief executive officer of NAPP Systems, Inc. of San Marcos, Calif., a manufacturer of photopolymer printing plates. He became publisher of the Rapid City Journal in South Dakota in 1994 and continued as chairman and chief executive officer of NAPP Systems until Lee sold the business in 1997. He was elected a Lee vice president of publishing Lee in 2000, and additionally became publisher of the Missoulian in 2002. Before joining Lee, he was production manager of the Chillicothe (Ohio) Gazette and assistant production manager at the Wall Street Journal. He is a graduate of Monroe Community College in Rochester, N.Y., and Rochester Institute of Technology.

Lee Enterprises is a premier publisher of local news, information and advertising in primarily midsize markets, with 51 daily newspapers and a joint interest in five others, rapidly growing online sites and more than 300 weekly newspapers and specialty publications in 23 states. Lee's newspapers have circulation of 1.7 million daily and 1.9 million Sunday, reaching more than four million readers daily. Lee's online sites attract more than 11 million unique visitors monthly, and Lee's weekly publications have distribution of more than 4.5 million households. Lee's newspaper markets include St. Louis, Mo.; Lincoln, Neb.; Madison, Wis.; Davenport, Iowa; Billings, Mont.; Bloomington, Ill.; Tucson, Ariz.; and Napa, Calif. Lee 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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