

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): September 22, 2005

LEE ENTERPRISES, INCORPORATED

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Commission File Number 1-6227

Delaware 42-0823980
(State of Incorporation) (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

201 N. Harrison Street, Davenport, Iowa 52801
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(563) 383-2100
Registrant's telephone number, including area code

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 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers.

On September 23, 2005, Lee Enterprises, Incorporated (the "Company") issued a News Release announcing the resignation of Michael E. Phelps, the Company's Vice-President - Publishing, Vice-President of Lee Publications Inc. and Publisher of the *Quad City Times*, effective October 3, 2005. Mr. Phelps will be leaving the Company effective November 14, 2005. A copy of this News Release is furnished as an exhibit to this Form 8-K.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) *Exhibits*

- 99.1 Lee Enterprises, Incorporated News Release announcing the resignation of Michael E. Phelps, Vice-President - Publishing.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

LEE ENTERPRISES, INCORPORATED

Date: September 23, 2005

/s/Mary E. Junck

Mary E. Junck
Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer

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NEWS RELEASE

Michael Phelps announces plans to leave Lee Enterprises

DAVENPORT, Iowa (Sept. 23, 2005) — Michael E. Phelps, a vice president of Lee Enterprises, Incorporated (NYSE: LEE), and publisher of the *Quad-City Times*, announced today that he is leaving to join Clarity Media Group as a general executive.

“There has never been a more exciting time to be in Lee Enterprises, and I’ll miss working with all the terrific people throughout Lee, but I can’t pass up this personal opportunity,” Phelps said. “*The Examiner* newspapers are making a bold statement of their own.” Clarity, based in Denver, publishes *The Examiner* in San Francisco and *The Examiner* in Washington, D.C.

In addition to his responsibilities as publisher in Davenport, Phelps oversees newspapers in eastern Iowa, Pennsylvania, South Carolina and Kentucky.

Mary Junck, Lee chairman and chief executive officer, said, “Michael has made indelible contributions in his nearly six years with Lee, first as vice president of sales and marketing, and then as an operating vice president and publisher. He’s been a fountain of energy and ideas, and we’ll miss him,” she said.

Greg Veon, Lee vice president for publishing, said, “Michael has done an excellent job in leading the *Quad-City Times* to national recognition for editorial excellence as well as launching new and innovative products, like *Your Mom*, which is aimed at the youth market.”

Veon said Phelps plans to phase out his responsibilities at the *Times*, and that the interim publisher will be Suzanna Frank, Lee’s director of research and marketing. Before joining Lee in 2003, she was market research manager for the *San Diego Union-Tribune* and was a senior consultant in marketing strategy at Kannon Consulting Inc. in Chicago. She has a degree in international relations from Eastern Illinois University in Charleston and a master’s degree in business administration and marketing from DePaul University in Chicago. She is a member of Newspaper Association of America’s Research Federation board of directors and is a frequent presenter at industry conferences.

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 Enterprises, please visit www.lee.net.

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Michael Phelps