

MEREDITH CORP  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
JOHNSON JOEL W

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
1716 LOCUST STREET  
(Street)  
DES MOINES, IA 50309-3023  
(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
MEREDITH CORP [MDP]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
11/05/2008

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock (\$1 par value)				(A) or (D) Price	7,168	D	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock equivalent units	\$ 0	11/05/2008		A	3,619	08/08/1988 08/08/1988	Common Stock (\$1 par value) <u>(1)</u>	3,619
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) <u>(2)</u>	\$ 31.5					11/14/2001 11/14/2010	Common Stock (\$1 par value)	6,000
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) <u>(2)</u>	\$ 34.6					11/13/2002 11/13/2011	Common Stock (\$1 par value)	6,000
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) <u>(2)</u>	\$ 36.7188					11/09/2000 11/09/2009	Common Stock (\$1 par value)	6,000
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) <u>(2)</u>	\$ 39.0313					11/10/1999 11/10/2008	Common Stock (\$1 par value)	6,000
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) <u>(2)</u>	\$ 45.275					11/12/2003 11/12/2012	Common Stock (\$1 par value)	6,000
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) <u>(2)</u>	\$ 49.75					11/11/2004 11/11/2013	Common Stock (\$1 par value)	6,000
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) <u>(2)</u>	\$ 50.28					11/09/2006 11/09/2015	Common Stock (\$1 par value)	6,000
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 51.975					11/09/2005 11/09/2014	Common Stock (\$1	6,000

