

JOHNSON JOEL W  
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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

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
1716 LOCUST STREET  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
08/29/2006

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

DES MOINES, IA 50309-3023  
(City) (State) (Zip)

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

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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount (A) or (D) Price		
Common Stock (\$1 par value)	08/29/2006		M		6,000 A \$ 25.8438	10,464	D
Common Stock (\$1 par value)	08/29/2006		F		3,312 D \$ 46.82	7,152	D
Common Stock (\$1 par value)	08/29/2006		S		2,688 D \$ 46.82	4,464	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)

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
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 25.8438	08/29/2006		M	6,000	11/11/1997 11/12/2006	Common Stock (\$1 par value)	6,000
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) <u>(1)</u>	\$ 31.5					11/14/2001 11/14/2010	Common Stock (\$1 par value)	6,000
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) <u>(1)</u>	\$ 34.6					11/13/2002 11/13/2011	Common Stock (\$1 par value)	6,000
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) <u>(1)</u>	\$ 34.7813					11/11/1998 11/11/2007	Common Stock (\$1 par value)	6,000
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) <u>(1)</u>	\$ 36.7188					11/09/2000 11/09/2009	Common Stock (\$1 par value)	6,000
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) <u>(1)</u>	\$ 39.0313					11/10/1999 11/10/2008	Common Stock (\$1 par value)	6,000
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) <u>(1)</u>	\$ 45.275					11/12/2003 11/12/2012	Common Stock (\$1 par value)	6,000

