

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 \*  
BAUM HERBERT M

(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)  
11/10/2008

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price
Common Stock (Restricted) (\$1 par value) (1)	11/10/2008		D		453	D	\$ 0 3,625
Common Stock (\$1 par value)						D	21,915

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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) <u>(2)</u>	\$ 39.0313 <u>(3)</u>	11/10/2008		J	6,000	11/10/1999	11/10/2008	Common Stock (\$1 par value)	6,000
Stock equivalent units	\$ 0	11/10/2008		A	453	08/08/1988	08/08/1988	Common Stock (\$1 par value) <u>(4)</u>	453
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) <u>(5)</u>	\$ 18.56					11/06/2009	11/06/2018	Common Stock (\$1 par value)	6,000
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>	\$ 45.275					11/12/2003	11/12/2012	Common Stock (\$1 par value)	6,000
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 49.75					11/11/2004	11/11/2013	Common Stock (\$1	6,000

<u>(2)</u>					(right to buy)				par value)
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 50.28	11/09/2006	11/09/2015	Common Stock (\$1 par value)				6	
<u>(2)</u>					(right to buy)				par value)
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 51.975	11/09/2005	11/09/2014	Common Stock (\$1 par value)				6	
<u>(2)</u>					(right to buy)				par value)
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 52.87	11/09/2007	11/09/2016	Common Stock (\$1 par value)				6	
<u>(2)</u>					(right to buy)				par value)
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 59.98	11/08/2008	11/08/2017	Common Stock (\$1 par value)				6	
<u>(2)</u>					(right to buy)				par value)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BAUM HERBERT M 1716 LOCUST STREET DES MOINES, IA 50309-3023	X			

Signatures

By: Teresa T. Rinker, by Power of Attorney For: Herbert M. Baum  
 11/12/2008  
 \*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Shares awarded pursuant to the 2002 Meredith Corporation Stock Plan for Non-employee Directors (the "Plan"). The shares are subject to forfeiture and are nontransferable until five years from the grant date.
- (2) This option was awarded pursuant to the Meredith Corp. Stock Plan for Non-employee Directors, becomes exercisable one-third per year over a three-year period beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date, and expires on the tenth anniversary of the grant date.
- (3) Nonqualified stock option award has reached or shortly will reach expiration date without having been exercised.
- (4) Stock equivalents issued pursuant to Meredith Corp.'s 2002 Stock Plan for Non-employee Directors (the "Plan"), which will be converted to Common Stock (\$1 par value) on a one-for-one basis upon the reporting person's retirement from or termination of service on the Meredith Board of Directors. Quarterly dividends are accrued in the form of additional stock equivalents. Data in this footnote would normally appear in the Title, Exercisable Date, and Price columns.
- (5) This option was awarded pursuant to the Meredith Corp. 2004 Stock Incentive Plan, becomes exercisable one-third per year over a three-year period beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date, and expires on the tenth anniversary of the grant date.

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