

BANNER CORP  
Form 8-K  
May 13, 2011

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): May 12, 2011

Banner Corporation  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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| Washington<br>(State or other jurisdiction<br>of incorporation) | 0-26584<br>(Commission File<br>Number) | 91-1691604<br>(I.R.S. Employer<br>Identification No.) |
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10 S. First Avenue  
Walla Walla, Washington 99362  
(Address of principal executive offices and zip code)

(509) 527-3636  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions.

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))



Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.\*

President and Chief Executive Officer Mark J. Grescovich and Chief Financial Officer Lloyd W. Baker made a presentation to current and potential investors on May 12, 2011 at D.A. Davidson's 13th Annual Financial Services Conference in Seattle, Washington.

Attached as Exhibit 99.1 is a copy of the presentation materials that was provided at those meetings.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.\*

(d) Exhibits

The following exhibits are being furnished herewith:

| Exhibit No. | Description                               |
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| 99.1        | Banner Corporation Presentation Materials |

\* The information furnished under Item 7.01 and Item 9.01 of this Current Report on Form 8-K, including the exhibit, shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to liabilities under that Section, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any registration statement or other filings of Banner Corporation under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, except as shall be set forth by specific reference in such filing.

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 hereunto duly authorized.

BANNER CORPORATION

Date: May 13, 2011

By: /s/Lloyd W. Baker  
Lloyd W. Baker  
Executive Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer

