

BANNER 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**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
FOSTER JESSE G

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
10 SOUTH FIRST AVE  
(Street)

WALLA WALLA, WA 99362

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
BANNER CORP [BANR]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
05/12/2006

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)  
Vice Chairman of the Board

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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 (D) Price  |   |  |   |
| Common Stock, \$0.01 par value per share                | 01/11/2006                           |  | G                              | V 47,574 D \$ 0   | 90,594 <sup>(1)</sup>   | D  |   |
| Common Stock, \$0.01 par value per share <sup>(2)</sup> | 05/12/2006                           |  | A                              | 176.44 A \$ 37.7164   | 83,770 <sup>(3)</sup>   | 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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 6) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|
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## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                | Relationships |           |         |                            |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|----------------------------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other                      |
| FOSTER JESSE G<br>10 SOUTH FIRST AVE<br>WALLA WALLA, WA 99362 | X             |           |         | Vice Chairman of the Board |

## Signatures

/s/Jesse G. Foster 05/16/2006

\*\*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) This transaction involved a gift of securities by the reporting person to his spouse, over which securities the reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership. Amount of securities owned following the transaction includes direct ownership of 38,030 shares through Deferred Compensation Plan and 4,990 shares through Employee Stock Ownership Plan, and indirect ownership of 47,574 shares owned by Mr. Foster's wife.
  - (2) Phantom Stock Units acquired pursuant to deferred compensation agreement; settled in stock at termination of service.
  - (3) Includes direct ownership of 38,206 shares through Deferred Compensation Plan and 4,990 shares through Employee Stock Ownership Plan. Also includes indirect ownership of 40,574 shares owned by Mr. Foster's wife.

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