

BANNER CORP  
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**FORM 4**

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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 \*  
**BAKER LLOYD W**

(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)  
**05/16/2007**

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)

Executive Vice President

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price
Common Stock, \$.01 par value per share <sup>(1)</sup>	05/16/2007		A		25.515 <sup>(2)</sup>	A	\$ 35.425 <sup>(3)</sup>
					33,388 <sup>(4)</sup>	D	
Common Stock, \$.01 par value per share	05/16/2007		M		2,306	A	\$ 22.0454
					35,694 <sup>(4)</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. Amount or Number of Shares
Option to buy Common Stock	\$ 22.0454	05/16/2007		M	2,306	12/31/1999 12/31/2008	Common Stock	2,306

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BAKER LLOYD W 10 SOUTH FIRST AVE WALLA WALLA, WA 99362			Executive Vice President	

## Signatures

/s/Lloyd W. Baker 05/17/2007

\*\*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) Acquired pursuant to deferred compensation agreement; settled in stock at termination of service.
- (2) Shares purchased directly from Banner Corporation under the Company's Dividend Reinvestment and Direct Stock Purchase Plan.
- (3) Market price on May 15, 2007 used by deferred compensation plan administrator.
- (4) Includes direct ownership of 1,672 shares through IRA, 2,862 shares through Deferred Compensation Plan and 8,385 shares through Employee Stock Ownership Plan. Also includes indirect ownership of 847 shares through spouse's IRA.

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(5) Market price on May 16, 2007.

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