

HERITAGE FINANCIAL CORP /WA/

Form 8-K

August 24, 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 and Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report

(Date of earliest event reported):

August 24, 2011

HERITAGE FINANCIAL CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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WASHINGTON
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

0-29480
(Commission
File Number)

91-1857900
IRS Employer
Identification No.

201 Fifth Avenue S.W.

Olympia WA
(Address of principal

98501
(Zip Code)

executive offices)
Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(360) 943-1500**

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

ITEM 8.01 OTHER EVENTS

On August 24, 2011, Heritage Financial Corporation (the Company) announced that its Board of Directors has authorized the repurchase of up to 5% of the Company's outstanding shares or approximately 782,000 shares. The purchases will take place over the next 12 months and may be made on the open market, or in privately negotiated transactions. The number, timing and price of shares repurchased will depend on business and market conditions, and other factors, including other opportunities to deploy the Company's capital. The program may be discontinued at any time. A copy of the Company's press release making this announcement is filed herewith as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

- (a) Financial statements not applicable
- (b) Pro forma financial information not applicable
- (c) Shell company transactions not applicable
- (d) Exhibits:

The following exhibit is being filed herewith and this list shall constitute the exhibit index:

99.1 News Release issued by Heritage Financial Corporation, dated August 24, 2011

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

HERITAGE FINANCIAL CORPORATION

By: **/S/ BRIAN L. VANCE**
Brian L. Vance

President and Chief Executive Officer

Dated: August 24, 2011