

PURCELL CYNTHIA D  
 Form 4  
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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 \*  
 PURCELL CYNTHIA D

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 C/O BANNER CORP, PO BOX 907  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 12/16/2004

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Executive VP, Banner Bank

WALLA WALLA, WA 99362

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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(City) (State) (Zip)

**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 (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price
Common Stock, \$.01 par value per share	12/16/2004		A		500 <sup>(1)</sup>	A	\$ 31.71 <sup>(2)</sup>
					4,050 <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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Option to Buy Common Stock	\$ 31.71	12/16/2004		A	2,000	12/16/2005 <sup>(4)</sup> 12/16/2014	Common Stock	2,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
PURCELL CYNTHIA D C/O BANNER CORP PO BOX 907 WALLA WALLA, WA 99362			Executive VP, Banner Bank	

## Signatures

/s/ Cynthia D.  
Purcell  
Date: 12/17/2004

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

## 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) Award pursuant to 1996 Management Recognition and Development Plan; shares vest at 20% each year beginning 12/16/05.
- (2) Market price on December 16, 2004.
- (3) Includes direct ownership of 19 shares through Deferred Compensation Plan and 3,507 shares through Employee Stock Ownership Plan.
- (4) Options awarded pursuant to 2001 Stock Option Plan; options are exercisable at rate of 20% each year beginning 12/16/05.

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