

BANNER CORP
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FORM 4

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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 *
JONES D MICHAEL

(Last) (First) (Middle)

10 SOUTH FIRST AVENUE

(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)
06/14/2006

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)
President & CEO

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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount (A) or (D) Price | | |
| Common Stock, \$.01 par value per share | 06/09/2006 | | G | V | 1,500 | D | \$ 38.28 52,057 ⁽¹⁾ D |
| Common Stock, \$.01 par value per share | 06/14/2006 | | F | | 4,986 | D | \$ 37.71 52,057 ⁽¹⁾ ₍₂₎ D |
| Common Stock, \$.01 par value per share | 06/14/2006 | | M | | 4,706 | A | \$ 19.4 56,763 ⁽³⁾ D |

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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 | \$ 19.4 | 06/14/2006 | | M | 9,692 | 02/11/2003 ⁽⁴⁾ 02/11/2012 | Common Stock | 9,692 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| JONES D MICHAEL 10 SOUTH FIRST AVENUE WALLA WALLA, WA 99362 | X | | President & CEO | |

Signatures

/s/D. Michael Jones 06/15/2006

**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) Includes direct ownership of 238 shares through Deferred Compensation Plan and 1,559 shares through Employee Stock Ownership Plan.
- (2) Market price on June 14, 2006.
- (3) Includes direct ownership of 4,944 shares through Deferred Compensation Plan as a result of surrender of 4,706 options to the Plan.
- (4) Options vest at rate of 20% per year from date of grant on 2/11/02.

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