

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)	
				(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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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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