

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 *
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)
03/28/2014

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 Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
|---|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount or (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock, \$.01 par value per share | 03/28/2014 | | A | | 1,231 (1) | A | \$ 0 18,963 (2) | D |
| Common Stock, \$.01 par value per share | 03/28/2014 | | A | | 1,847 (3) | A | \$ 0 20,810 (2) | 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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 5) |
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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 04/01/2014

**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) Represents award pursuant to 2012 Restricted Stock and Incentive Bonus Plan; shares vest ratably over a three year period beginning on March 28, 2014 and ending on the third anniversary thereof. These shares are subject to forfeiture and to limits on transferability until they vest.
 - (2) Includes direct ownership of 2,002 shares through IRA and 524 shares through Deferred Compensation Plan. Also includes indirect ownership of 121 shares through spouse's IRA.
 - (3) Represents award pursuant to 2012 Restricted Stock and Incentive Bonus Plan and is subject to the achievement of specified corporate and individual performance goals over a performance period that begins on January 1, 2014 and ends on December 31, 2016. The extent to which the award vests, if at all, depends on the extent to which the performance goals are satisfied. These shares are subject to forfeiture and to limits on transferability until they vest.

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