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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 Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported): October 6, 2010

Banner Corporation (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Washington (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) 0-26584 (Commission File Number) 91-1691604 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

10 S. First Avenue Walla Walla, Washington 99362 (Address of principal executive offices and zip code)

(509) 527-3636 (Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions.

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Item 2.02 Results of Operation and Financial Condition

On October 6, 2010 Banner Corporation issued a press release furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.1 pre-announcing its operating results for the quarter ended September 30, 2010.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

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

99.1 Press Release of Banner Corporation dated October 6, 2010

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SIGNATURES

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

BANNER CORPORATION

Date: October 6, 2010 By: /s/Lloyd W. Baker Lloyd W. Baker

Executive Vice President and Chief

Financial Officer

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