

BANNER CORP
Form 8-K
August 02, 2016

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): August 2, 2016

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

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

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

Banner Corporation President and Chief Executive Officer Mark J. Grescovich and executive management are scheduled to participate in the Keefe, Bruyette & Woods 17th Annual Community Bank Investor Conference in New York, New York on August 2-3, 2016.

Attached as Exhibit 99.1 is a copy of the investor materials that are being provided in connection with the meeting.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.*

(d) Exhibits

The following exhibits are being furnished herewith:

| Exhibit No. | Description |
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| 99.1 | Banner Corporation Investor Materials |

* The information furnished under Item 7.01 and Item 9.01 of this Current Report on Form 8-K, including the exhibit, shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to liabilities under that Section, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any registration statement or other filings of Banner Corporation under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, except as shall be set forth by specific reference in such filing.

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: August 2, 2016

By: /s/ Lloyd W. Baker
Lloyd W. Baker
Executive Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer