

SMITH MICHAEL MARION
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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 *
 SMITH MICHAEL MARION

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 BANNER CORP, PO BOX 907
 (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)
 05/11/2009

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)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price
Common stock, \$.01 par value per share ⁽¹⁾	05/11/2009		A		1,222.15	A	\$ 6.4478
							92,281 ⁽²⁾
Common stock, \$.01 par value per share ⁽¹⁾	05/12/2009		A		254.376	A	\$ 6.5352
							92,535 ⁽³⁾

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

