

HERITAGE FINANCIAL CORP /WA/

Form 8-K

November 17, 2011

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 and Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): November 16, 2011

HERITAGE FINANCIAL CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

WASHINGTON
(State or other jurisdiction

of incorporation)

0-29480
(Commission

File Number)

91-1857900
(IRS Employer

Identification No.)

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201 Fifth Avenue S.W.

Olympia WA
(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (360) 943-1500

98501
(Zip Code)

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- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

ITEM 8.01 OTHER EVENTS

On November 16, 2011, Heritage Financial Corporation (Heritage) issued a press release announcing a one-time special cash dividend of \$0.25 per share. The dividend will be paid on December 9, 2011, to shareholders of record at the close of business on November 28, 2011. A copy of the release is furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.1, and is incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

(d) Exhibits:

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

99.1 Press Release dated November 16, 2011 announcing special cash dividend.

SIGNATURES

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

HERITAGE FINANCIAL CORPORATION

By: **/S/ BRIAN L. VANCE**
Brian L. Vance

President and Chief Executive Officer

Dated: November 17, 2011