

PURCELL CYNTHIA D
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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 *
PURCELL CYNTHIA D

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
BANNER CORP [BANR]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
10 SOUTH FIRST AVE

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
08/23/2006

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Executive VP, Banner Bank

WALLA WALLA, WA 99362

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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)
Common Stock, \$.01 par value per share ⁽¹⁾	08/23/2006		A	0.084	A \$ 41.345 ⁽²⁾	4,987 ⁽³⁾	D
Common Stock, \$.01 par value per share	08/25/2006		M	5,445	A \$ 13.843	10,432 ⁽³⁾	D
Common Stock, \$.01 par value	08/25/2006		S	1,875	D \$ 40.66	8,557 ⁽³⁾	D

per share

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 (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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Option to buy Common Stock	\$ 13.843	08/25/2006		M	5,445	09/19/1997 ⁽⁴⁾ 09/19/2006	Common Stock	5,445

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
PURCELL CYNTHIA D 10 SOUTH FIRST AVE WALLA WALLA, WA 99362			Executive VP, Banner Bank	

Signatures

/s/Cynthia D.
Purcell

08/25/2006

**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) Phantom Stock Units acquired pursuant to deferred compensation agreement; settled in stock at termination of service.
- (2) Market price on August 22, 2006 used by deferred compensation plan administrator.

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- (3) Includes direct ownership of 20 shares through Deferred Compensation Plan and 4,443 shares through Employee Stock Ownership Plan.
- (4) Options vest at rate of 20% per year from date of grant on 9/19/1996.
- (5) Market price on August 25, 2006.

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