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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): April 24, 2012

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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[] 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.

On April 24, 2012, Banner Corporation presented the following Investor Presentation at the Corporation's Annual Meeting of Shareholders. A copy of the Investor Presentation is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

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

99.1 Investor Presentation of Banner Corporation dated April 24, 2012

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: April 25, 2012

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