BANNER CORP Form 4 April 05, 2017

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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1(b).

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * **WAGERS GARY W**

(First)

(Middle)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

BANNER CORP [BANR]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 04/01/2017

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

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Director 10% Owner Other (specify _X__ Officer (give title below)

Executive VP, Banner Bank

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

WALLA WALLA, WA 99362

10 SOUTH 1ST AVENUE

| (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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securion(A) or Di (Instr. 3, | spose | d of (D) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) | 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 | 04/01/2017 | | Code V | Amount 110 (1) | , , | Price \$ 55.955 (2) | (Instr. 3 and 4) 18,345 (3) | D | | |
| Common Stock, \$.01 par value per share | 04/03/2017 | | A | 1,021 (4) | A | \$ 54.983 (5) | 19,366 (3) | D | | |
| Common Stock, \$.01 par value per share | 04/03/2017 | | A | 1,531 (6) | A | \$ 54.983 (5) | 20,897 (3) | D | | |

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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)

| Title of | 2. | 3. Transaction Date | 3A. Deemed | 4. | 5. | Date Exerc | cisable and | 7. Title | e and | 8. Price of | 9 |
|------------------------------|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|-----------|------------|------------------------------|------------------|--------------|--------|-------------|---|
| Derivative | Conversion | (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if | Transacti | orNumber | Expiration Date | | Amou | nt of | Derivative | J |
| Security | or Exercise | | any | Code | of | (Month/Day/ | Year) | Under | lying | Security | , |
| (Instr. 3) | Price of | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8 | Derivative | | | Securi | ties | (Instr. 5) |] |
| | Derivative | | | | Securities | | (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | (| |
| | Security | | | | Acquired | | | | | | J |
| | | | | | (A) or | | | | | | J |
| | | | | | Disposed | | | | | | 7 |
| | | | | | of (D) | | | | | | (|
| | | | | | (Instr. 3, | | | | | | |
| | | | | | 4, and 5) | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | Amount | | |
| | | | | | | | | | or | | |
| | | | | | | | Expiration Date | Title Number | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | of | | |
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | | | | Shares | | |
| | | | | Code v | (A) (D) | | | | Shares | | |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

WAGERS GARY W 10 SOUTH 1ST AVENUE WALLA WALLA, WA 99362

Executive VP, Banner Bank

Signatures

/s/ Gary W. Wagers 04/05/2017

**Signature of Date

Reporting Person

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) Shares relinquished to cover tax obligation on vesting of 415 shares of restricted stock pursuant to 2014 Omnibus Incentive Plan.
- (2) Market price on March 31, 2017.
- (3) Includes direct ownership of 921 shares through Deferred Compensation Plan and 452 shares through 401(k) Plan.
- (4) Represents award pursuant to 2014 Omnibus Incentive Plan; shares vest ratably over a three-year period beginning on April 3, 2017 and ending on the third anniversary thereof. These shares are subject to forfeiture and to limits on transferability until they vest.

(5) Market price on April 3, 2017.

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Represents award pursuant to 2014 Omnibus Incentive Plan and is subject to the achievement of specified corporate and individual performance goals over a period that began on January 1, 2017 and ends on December 31, 2019. The extent to which the award vests, if at all, depends on the extent to which the performance goals are satisfied. These shares are subject to forfeiture and to limits on transferability until they vest.

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