

BANNER CORP  
Form 8-K  
April 03, 2017

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): March 31,  
2017

Banner Corporation  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Washington                      0-26584      91-1691604  
(State or other jurisdiction (Commission (I.R.S. Employer  
of incorporation)              File Number) Identification No.)

10 S. First Avenue, Walla Walla,              99362  
Washington  
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number (including area code) (509)  
527-3636

Not Applicable  
(Former name or former address, if changed since last  
report)

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 8.01. Other Events

On March 31, 2017, Banner Corporation (“Company”) announced that the Company’s Board of Directors has renewed its authorization to repurchase up to 5% of its common stock, or 1,658,245 shares.

The news release announcing the stock repurchase plan is attached as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated by reference herein.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

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

99.1 Press Release of Banner Corporation dated March 31, 2017.

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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: March 31, 2017 By: /s/ Lloyd W. Baker  
Lloyd W. Baker  
Executive Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer