BANNER CORP Form 8-K July 27, 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): July 26, 2017 **Banner Corporation** (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter) 91-1691604 Washington 0-26584 (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. Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR []230.425) [] Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12) [] Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b)) [] Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company []

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act. []

Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On July 26, 2017, Banner Corporation issued its earnings release for the quarter ended June 30, 2017. A copy of the earnings release is furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.1, which is incorporated herein by reference.

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 July 26, 2017.

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: July 26, 2017 By: /s/ Lloyd W. Baker Lloyd W. Baker

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer