

HERITAGE FINANCIAL CORP /WA/  
Form 8-K  
January 26, 2006

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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 and Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported):

January 25, 2006

**HERITAGE FINANCIAL CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**WASHINGTON**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation)

**0-29480**  
(Commission File Number)

**91-1857900**  
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

**201 Fifth Avenue S.W.**

**Olympia WA**  
(Address of principal  
executive officers)

**98501**  
(Zip Code)

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Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (360) 943-1500

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- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**ITEM 8.01 OTHER EVENTS**

The following information is furnished pursuant to 8.01 Other Events .

On January 25, 2006, Heritage Financial Corporation issued a press release announcing the addition of a full-service branch office in Sumner, Washington. All information in the press release, appearing in Exhibit 99, is not filed but is furnished pursuant to Regulation FD.

**ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS**

(a) Financial statements

not applicable

(b) Pro forma financial information

not applicable

(c) Exhibits:

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

99 News Release issued by Heritage, dated January 25, 2006

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Dated: January 26, 2006

HERITAGE FINANCIAL CORPORATION

By: **/S/ DONALD V. RHODES**  
**Donald V. Rhodes**  
**Chairman and Chief Executive Officer**