BANNER CORP
Form 8-K
October 20, 2009

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): October 20, 2009

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

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

10 S. First Avenue, Walla Walla, Washington	99362
(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)

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[ ] Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On October 20, 2009, Banner Corporation issued its earnings release for the quarter ended September 30, 2009. A copy of the earnings release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1, which is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release of Banner Corporation dated October 20, 2009.

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: October 20, 2009

By: /s/D. Michael Jones
D. Michael Jones
President and Chief Executive Officer