

BANNER CORP
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

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|---|---------|--|--|--|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * | | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol | |
| Â BLISS TYRONE J | | (Month/Day/Year) | BANNER CORP [BANR] | |
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 04/26/2005 | |
| P.O. BOX 907 | | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) |
| (Street) | | (Check all applicable) | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) |
| WALLA | | <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person |
| WALLA,Â WAÂ 99362 | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other | | <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | Sr. Vice President | |

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|---|--|---|--|
| Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share | 494 ⁽¹⁾ | D | Â |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. SEC 1473 (7-02)

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|---|---|--|--|--|--|
| | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of | |

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| | | | | Shares | | (I) (Instr. 5) | |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|------------|---|--------|----------|-------------------|---|
| Option to buy Common Stock | 03/26/2004 ⁽²⁾ | 03/26/2013 | Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share | 3,000 | \$ 15.67 | D | Â |
| Option to buy Common Stock | 12/26/2005 ⁽³⁾ | 12/16/2014 | Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share | 2,000 | \$ 31.71 | D | Â |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|----------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| BLISS TYRONE J P.O. BOX 907 WALLA WALLA, WA 99362 | Â | Â | Â Sr. Vice President | Â |

Signatures

/s/ Tyrone J. Bliss
05/06/2005

Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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) Includes direct ownership of 494 shares through Employee Stock Ownership Plan.
- (2) Reflects grant of 3,000 options on March 26, 2003, which are exercisable at a rate of 20% per year beginning March 26, 2004.
- (3) Reflects grant of 2,000 options on December 16, 2004, which are exercisable at a rate of 20% per year beginning December 26, 2005.

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