

BANNER CORP  
Form 8-K  
May 13, 2016

**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 Exchange Act of 1934**

**Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported): May 12, 2016**

**Banner Corporation**

**(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

**Washington**  
**(State or other jurisdiction**

**of incorporation)**

**0-26584**  
**(Commission**

**File Number)**  
**10 S. First Avenue**

**91-1691604**  
**(I.R.S. Employer**

**Identification No.)**

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**Walla Walla, Washington 99362**

**(Address of principal executive offices and zip code)**

**(509) 527-3636**

**(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)**

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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.**

As previously announced in the Current Report on Form 8-K filed by Banner Corporation (the Company ) on October 2, 2015, the Company consummated its acquisition of Starbuck Bancshares, Inc. ( Starbuck ) and its subsidiary, AmericanWest Bank ( AmericanWest ) on October 1, 2015 (the Merger ).

The Company is hereby filing as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K the unaudited pro forma combined condensed consolidated statements of operations for the three months ended March 31, 2016 and the year ended December 31, 2015 reflecting the Merger. The Company previously filed unaudited pro forma financial statements reflecting the Merger, its acquisition of Siuslaw Financial Group and the acquisition by Starbuck of Greater Sacramento Bancorp as an exhibit to its Current Report on Form 8-K/A filed on December 11, 2015.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit	Description of Exhibit
Exhibit 99.1	The unaudited pro forma combined condensed consolidated financial information listed in Item 8.01.

**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: May 12, 2016

By: /s/ Lloyd W. Baker  
Name: Lloyd W. Baker  
Title: Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

**Exhibit Index**

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