

Rust Steven W  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Rust Steven W

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
10 SOUTH 1ST AVENUE  
(Street)

WALLA WALLA, WA 99362

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
BANNER CORP [BANR]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
03/29/2019

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Executive VP, Banner Bank

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount (A) or (D) Price		
Common Stock, \$.01 par value per share	03/29/2019		A		1,257 <sup>(1)</sup> \$ 54.37 <sup>(2)</sup> 10,139 <sup>(3)</sup>	D	
Common Stock, \$.01 par value per share	03/29/2019		A		1,885 <sup>(4)</sup> \$ 54.37 <sup>(2)</sup> 12,024 <sup>(3)</sup>	D	
Common Stock, \$.01 par value per share	04/01/2019		F		128 <sup>(5)</sup> \$ 55.02 <sup>(6)</sup> 11,896 <sup>(3)</sup>	D	

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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Reporting Transaction (Instr. 6)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

## Reporting Owners

**Reporting Owner Name / Address**

**Relationships**

Director    10% Owner    Officer    Other

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WALLA WALLA, WA 99362

Executive VP, Banner Bank

## Signatures

/s/ Steven W.  
Rust

04/02/2019

          Signature of  
Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(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).

- Represents award pursuant to 2014 Omnibus Incentive Plan; shares vest ratably over a three-year period beginning on March 29, 2019
- (1) and ending on the third anniversary thereof. Each restricted stock unit represents the right to receive one share of the Issuer's Common Stock upon vesting. These restricted stock units are subject to forfeiture and to limits on transferability until they vest.
  - (2) Market price on March 29, 2019.
  - (3) Includes direct ownership of 391 shares through Deferred Compensation Plan and 258 shares through 401(k) Plan.
  - (4) Represents award pursuant to 2014 Omnibus Incentive Plan and is subject to the achievement of specified corporate and individual performance goals over a period that began on January 1, 2019 and ends on December 31, 2021. The extent to which the award vests, if at

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all, depends on the extent to which the performance goals are satisfied. Each restricted stock unit represents the right to receive one share of the Issuer's Common Stock upon vesting. These restricted stock units are subject to forfeiture and to limits on transferability until they vest.

(5) Shares relinquished to cover tax obligations on vesting of 408 shares of restricted stock pursuant to 2014 Omnibus Incentive Plan.

(6) Market price on April 1, 2019.

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