

HERITAGE FINANCIAL CORP /WA/

Form 8-K

January 26, 2006

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 24, 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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ITEM 2.02 RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION

ITEM 7.01 REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE

The following information is furnished pursuant to Item 2.02, Results of Operations and Financial Condition and Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure .

On January 24, 2006, Heritage Financial Corporation issued a press release announcing its operating earnings for the fourth quarter of 2005. 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 24, 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