

MERCANTILE BANK CORP  
Form 8-K  
January 23, 2013

**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): January 22, 2013

**Mercantile Bank Corporation**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Michigan**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**000-26719**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**38-3360865**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification Number)

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**310 Leonard Street NW, Grand Rapids,**

**Michigan**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code 616-406-3000**

**49504**  
(Zip Code)

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**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

**Retirement of Director.** On January 22, 2013, our director, Lawrence W. Larsen, advised us that he intends to retire from our Board of Directors, and that of our subsidiary, Mercantile Bank of Michigan, effective immediately. Mr. Larsen has served as a member of our Board of Directors since 1997. Mr. Larsen's decision to retire is not a result of any disagreement with us relating to our operations, policies or practices.

**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.

Mercantile Bank Corporation

By: /s/ Charles E. Christmas  
Charles E. Christmas  
Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

Date: January 23, 2013