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Form 8-K  
January 12, 2005

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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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 12, 2005

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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)
5650 BYRON CENTER AVENUE SW, WYOMING, MICHIGAN (Address of principal executive offices)		49509 (Zip Code)
Registrant's telephone number, including area code		616-406-3777

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

ITEM 2.02. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION.

Earnings Release. On January 12, 2005, Mercantile Bank Corporation issued a press release reporting earnings and other financial results for the quarter and year ended December 31, 2004. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated here by reference.

The information in this Current Report on Form 8-K, including Exhibit 99.1, shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or otherwise subject to the liability of that section, nor

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shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933.

ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

(c) Exhibits.

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99.1	Press release of Mercantile Bank Corporation reporting financial results and earnings for the quarter and year ended December 31, 2004.

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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

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Charles E. Christmas  
Senior Vice President,  
Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

Date: January 12, 2005

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