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> 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): APRIL 12, 2006

MERCANTILE BANK CORPORATION (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

MICHIGAN000-2671938-3360865(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)(Commission File
Number)(IRS Employer
Identification Number) MICHIGAN

000-26719

38-3360865

| 310 | LEONARD | STREET NW, | GRAND RA | APIDS, | MICHIGAN | 49 | 504 |
|-----|----------|-------------|-----------|---------|----------|------|-------|
| | (Address | of principa | al execut | tive of | ffices) | (Zip | Code) |

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

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.

ITEM 7.01. REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE

Press Release. On April 12, 2006, Mercantile Bank Corporation issued a

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press release announcing a 5% stock dividend and related financial information. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated here by reference.

In accordance with General Instruction B.2 of Form 8-K, the information in this Current Report on Form 8-K, including Exhibit 99.1, shall not be deemed to be "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), or otherwise subject to the liability of that section, and shall not be incorporated by reference into any registration statement or other document filed under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit

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- 99.1 Press release of Mercantile Bank Corporation announcing a 5% stock dividend and related financial information.
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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/ Gerald R. Johnson, Jr.

Gerald R. Johnson, Jr. Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer

Date: April 12, 2006

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