

MERCANTILE BANK CORP  
 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 \*  
**VISSER DALE J**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**MERCANTILE BANK CORP  
 [MBWM]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**VISSER BROTHERS, INC., 1946  
 TURNER NW**  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**10/12/2005**

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

**GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49504**

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

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

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
				Code	V	Amount	
Common Stock	10/12/2005		P	A	\$ 5,000	39,770.765 (1)	I Trust for Family Members (2)
Common Stock						5,250 (3)	I By Spouse
Common Stock						58,275 (4)	I Trustee and a beneficiary of charitable



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- (2) Mr. Visser disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares.
- (3) Includes approximately 250 shares acquired pursuant to the issuer's 5% stock dividend paid August 1, 2005.
- (4) Includes approximately 2,775 shares acquired pursuant to the issuer's 5% stock dividend paid August 1, 2005.
- (5) Mr. Visser disclaims beneficial ownership of the issuer's common stock held by the trust except to the extent of his and his wife's pecuniary interest in the stock.
- (6) Includes approximately 6,744 shares acquired pursuant to the issuer's 5% stock dividend paid August 1, 2005.

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