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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 9, 2003

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

MICHIGAN 000-26719 38-3360865
(State or other jurisdiction (Commission File (IRS Employer of incorporation) Number) 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

ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

(c) Exhibits.

Exhibit Number

Description

99.1

Press release of Mercantile Bank Corporation reporting financial results and earnings for the first quarter of 2003

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ITEM 12. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION.

Earnings Release. On April 9, 2003, Mercantile Bank Corporation issued a press release reporting financial results and earnings for its first quarter of 2003, which ended March 31, 2003. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1.

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: April 9, 2003

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