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> 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): OCTOBER 7, 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 third quarter of 2003

ITEM 12. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION.

Earnings Release. On October 7, 2003, Mercantile Bank Corporation issued a press release reporting earnings and other financial results for its third quarter of 2003. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1.

The information in this Current Report on Form 8-K, including Exhibit 99.1, shall be considered "filed" under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

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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

Charles E. Christmas Senior Vice President,

Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

Date: October 7, 2003

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