

MERCANTILE BANK CORP  
Form 8-K  
April 04, 2012

**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): April 4, 2012

**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)

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**310 Leonard Street NW, Grand Rapids, Michigan**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**49504**  
(Zip Code)

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

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

**Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.**

On April 4, 2012, Mercantile Bank Corporation ( Mercantile ) repurchased from the United States Department of the Treasury (the Treasury ) 10,500 shares of Mercantile s 21,000 outstanding shares of Fixed Rate Cumulative Perpetual Preferred Stock, Series A (the Preferred Stock ). Mercantile paid to the Treasury \$10,571,458 for the 10,500 shares, which included a \$1,000 per share Liquidation Amount and \$71,458 for accrued and unpaid dividends. Mercantile originally sold the Preferred Stock to the Treasury on May 15, 2009 pursuant to the Capital Purchase Program that was part of the Treasury s Troubled Asset Relief Program.

Mercantile issued a press release announcing its repurchase of the 10,500 shares of Preferred Stock. A copy of the press release is included as Exhibit 99.1 to this report.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit Number	Description
99.1	Press release of Mercantile Bank Corporation announcing its repurchase of 10,500 shares of Preferred Stock

**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 4, 2012

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