

MERCANTILE BANK CORP  
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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 \*  
 CHRISTMAS CHARLES E

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)  
 Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 Senior V.P. & CFO

(Last) (First) (Middle)

MERCANTILE BANK CORPORATION, 310 LEONARD STREET NW

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 02/17/2012

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

GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49504

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Price   |  |                                   |
| Common stock                    | 02/17/2012                           |  | P                              | A   | \$ 300  | I  | by spouse                         |
| Common stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 7,569   | D  |                                   |
| Common stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 23,620  | I  | In 401(k) plan                    |
| Common stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 1,239   | I  | In 401(k) plan for spouse         |

