

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, 5650 BYRON CENTER AVENUE SW  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 01/28/2005

WYOMING, MI 49509  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

**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		
Common Stock	01/28/2005		F	D	\$ 218	948 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
Common Stock	01/28/2005		M	A	\$ 9.513	1,948	D
Common Stock						7,466 <sup>(2)</sup>	I 401(k) Plan
Common Stock						1,229 <sup>(2)</sup>	I 401(k) Plan for spouse

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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 9.513	01/28/2005		M	1,000	11/09/2001 11/08/2010	Common Stock	1,000
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 9.513					11/09/2001 11/08/2010	Common Stock	120

## Reporting Owners

**Reporting Owner Name / Address**

**Relationships**

Director    10% Owner    Officer    Other

CHRISTMAS CHARLES E  
MERCANTILE BANK CORPORATION  
5650 BYRON CENTER AVENUE SW  
WYOMING, MI 49509

Senior V.P. & CFO

## Signatures

/s/Jerome M. Schwartz  
Attorney-in-fact

02/01/2005

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Includes approximately 50 shares acquired pursuant to the issuer's 5% stock dividend paid May 3, 2004, and approximately 106 shares acquired pursuant to purchases by the reporting person in 2004 under the issuer's Employee Stock Purchase Plan of 2002.
- (2) Includes shares acquired pursuant to the issuer's 5% stock dividend paid May 3, 2004.
- (3) No price is entered here as this is an employee stock option.

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