

MERCANTILE BANK CORP
Form 8-K
May 09, 2014

**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): **May 9, 2014**

MERCANTILE BANK CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as
specified in its charter)

Michigan **000-26719** **38-3360865**
(State or other jurisdiction (Commission (IRS Employer
of incorporation) File Number) Identification no.)

310 Leonard St., N.W.
Grand Rapids, Michigan **49504**
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

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

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the Registrant under any of the following provisions:

Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425).

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

Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure

On May 9, 2014, Mercantile Bank Corporation (the “Company”) announced that its Board of Directors declared a special cash dividend of \$2.00 per common share, payable May 29, 2014 to holders of record as of May 22, 2014.

The special dividend is being paid in accordance with the Agreement and Plan of Merger between the Company and Firstbank Corporation. The special dividend will be paid to the Company’s shareholders prior to the effective date of the merger and prior to the issuance of the Company’s shares in exchange for shares of Firstbank common stock.

On May 9, 2014, the Company issued a press release announcing the dividend. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report.

In accordance with General Instruction B.2 of Form 8-K, the information in Exhibit 99.1 shall not be deemed to be “filed” for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”), or otherwise subject to the liability of that section, and shall not be incorporated by reference into any registration statement or other document filed under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

Item 8.01. Other Events

The information from Item 7.01 above is herein incorporated by reference.

Item 9.01. Exhibits.

(d) **Exhibits:** The following document is attached as an exhibit to this report on Form 8-K:

99.1 Press Release dated May 9, 2014.

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 thereunto duly authorized.

Date: May 9, 2014 MERCANTILE BANK CORPORATION

By/s/ Charles E. Christmas
Charles E. Christmas

Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit
Number Document

99.1 Press release dated May 9, 2014.