

SPARTAN STORES INC  
Form 8-K  
December 19, 2005

**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): **December 19, 2005**

**SPARTAN STORES, INC.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as  
Specified in Charter)

**Michigan**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

**000-31127**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**38-0593940**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification no.)

**850 76<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W.**  
**P.O. Box 8700**  
**Grand Rapids, Michigan**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**49518-8700**  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number,  
including area code: **(616) 878-2000**

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).
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12).
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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c)).



**Item 8.01. Other Events**

On December 19, 2005, Spartan Stores, Inc. (the "Company") issued a press release announcing that the Company has entered into an agreement to acquire certain operating assets of D&W Food Centers, Inc., a privately held Grand Rapids, Michigan-based retail grocery operator.

A copy of the press release is attached to this Current Report on Form 8-K as Exhibit 99.1.

This filing contains forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements are identifiable by words or phrases indicating that Spartan Stores or its management "anticipates", "believes", "expects", "looks forward", "plans" that a particular occurrence "will" be the result or occur; that an "opportunity" will be realized, or similarly stated expectations. These forward-looking statements are subject to a number of factors that could cause actual results to differ materially. The Company's ability to complete the proposed acquisition depends on satisfaction of a variety of contractual conditions, not all of which are entirely within the control of the Company or D&W Food Centers, Inc. Realization of increased sales and earnings depends on the Company's ability to successfully complete the transaction, integrate the acquired assets, and implement its plans and business practices. The Company's ultimate ability to execute its strategies, compete effectively, and achieve long-term success is subject to a variety of uncertainties and factors. Additional information about the factors that may affect these forward-looking statements are contained in Spartan Stores' reports and filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Spartan Stores undertakes no obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements to reflect developments or information obtained after the date of this filing.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

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| (c)  | <b>Exhibits:</b> The following document is attached as an exhibit to this report on Form 8-K: |
| 99.1 | Press Release dated December 19, 2005   |

**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: December 19, 2005

SPARTAN STORES, INC.

By

/s/ David M. Staples

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David M. Staples  
Executive Vice President and Chief  
Financial  
Officer

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

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99.1 Press Release, dated December 19, 2005