

SPARTAN STORES INC  
Form 8-K  
October 06, 2004

**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): **October 6, 2004**

**SPARTAN STORES, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as  
specified in its 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 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.**

&nbsp; On October 6, 2004, Spartan Stores, Inc. issued the press release attached to this Form 8-K as Exhibit 99.1 concerning its financial results for the quarter ended September 11, 2004. The information contained in this Current Report on Form 8-K (including Exhibit 99.1 referenced herein) is being furnished and is not "filed" with the Securities and Exchange Commission and is not incorporated by reference into any registration statement under the Securities Act of 1933.

&nbsp; As discussed therein, the press release contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Securities Act and the Exchange Act and, as such, may involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and assumptions. These forward-looking statements relate to Spartan Stores' current expectations and are subject to the limitations and qualifications set forth in the press release as well as in Spartan Stores' other documents filed with the SEC, including, without limitation, that actual events and/or results may differ materially from those projected in such forward-looking statements.

**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 October 6, 2004                                                           |

**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: October 6, 2004

SPARTAN STORES, INC.

By

/s/ David M. Staples

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David M. Staples  
Executive Vice President and Chief  
Financial  
Officer

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**EXHIBIT INDEX**

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99.1            Press Release dated October 6, 2004.

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