

SPARTAN STORES INC
 Form 4
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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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 *
 NICKELS ELIZABETH A

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O 850 - 76TH STREET SW

(Street)

GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49518

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 SPARTAN STORES INC [SPTN]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 05/16/2008

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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)
			Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	05/16/2008		A		1,800	A	\$ 0
					16,852.06	D	

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)

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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)	8. D S (I	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 22.69	05/16/2008		A	1,200	05/01/2009	05/16/2018	Common Stock	1,200
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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
NICKELS ELIZABETH A C/O 850 - 76TH STREET SW GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49518				X

Signatures

/s/ Daniel C. Persinger, by power of attorney 05/20/2008

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).

This Form 4 reflects the grant of 1,800 shares of restricted stock under the Spartan Stores, Inc. Stock Incentive Plan of 2005 ("Plan").

(1) These shares will vest at the rate of one-third per year beginning on May 1, 2009 and will be fully vested on May 1, 2011. Prior to vesting, these shares remain subject to restrictions in accordance with the Plan and the terms of the grant.

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