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Form 8-K

October 11, 2002

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: SEPTEMBER 30, 2002

ROCKY SHOES & BOOTS, INC.
(EXACT NAME OF REGISTRANT AS SPECIFIED IN ITS CHARTER)

OHIO	0-21026	31-1364046
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(STATE OR OTHER JURISDICTION OF INCORPORATION OR ORGANIZATION)	(COMMISSION FILE NO.)	(IRS EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER)

39 East Canal Street
Nelsonville, Ohio 45764
(740) 753-1951
(ADDRESS, INCLUDING ZIP CODE, AND TELEPHONE NUMBER
INCLUDING AREA CODE OF REGISTRANT'S
PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES)

Not Applicable
(FORMER NAME OR FORMER ADDRESS, IF CHANGED SINCE LAST REPORT)

ITEM 5. OTHER ITEMS.

On September 30, 2002, Rocky Shoes & Boots, Inc., an Ohio corporation (the "Company"), issued a press release announcing that the Company's Board of

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Directors has authorized the Company to repurchase up to 500,000 shares of its outstanding common stock, through open market or privately negotiated transactions, through December 31, 2003. The press release, dated September 30, 2002, is included as Exhibit 99 to this Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by this reference.

ITEM 7. EXHIBITS.

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Exhibit No.	Description
99	Press Release, dated September 30, 2002, entitled "Rocky Shoes & Boots, Inc. Announces Stock Repurchase Program."

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 hereunto duly authorized.

ROCKY SHOES & BOOTS, INC.

Date: October 11, 2002

By: /s/ James E. McDonald

James E. McDonald, Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer

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