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ROCKY SHOES & BOOTS INC  
Form 8-K  
October 11, 2002

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT  
PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF  
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

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DATE OF REPORT: SEPTEMBER 30, 2002

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

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

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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)

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

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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.

#### (c) EXHIBITS.

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

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James E. McDonald, Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer

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