

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13G

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
(Amendment No. _____) *

ROCKY SHOES & BOOTS INC.
(Name of Issuer)

COMMON STOCK
(Title of Class of Securities)

774830103
(CUSIP Number)

Check the following box if a fee is being paid with this statement _____. (A fee is not required only if the filing person: (1) has a previous statement on file reporting beneficial ownership of more than five percent of the class of securities described in Item 1; and (2) has filed no amendment subsequent thereto reporting beneficial ownership of five percent or less of such class.) (See Rule 13d-7).

*The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be filed for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Act) or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

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1. NAME OF REPORTING PERSON
S.S. or I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON
Ohio PERS 31-6159380
 2. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP*
(a) _____ NA
(b) _____ NA
 3. SEC USE ONLY
 4. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION
US
277 EAST TOWN STREET
COLUMBUS, OH 43215
- NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH:
5. SOLE VOTING POWER
245,000
 6. SHARED VOTING POWER
NA
 7. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
245,000
 8. SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
NA
 9. AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON
245,000
 10. CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES*
NA
 11. PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9
4.50

12. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON*
EP

Item 1.

- (a) Name of Issuer
ROCKY SHOES & BOOTS INC
- (b) Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices
39 EAST CANAL ST., NELSONVILLE, OH 45764

Item 2.

- (a) Name of Person Filing
Christy Ruoff
- (b) Address of Principal Business Office or, if none, Residence
277 East Town Street, Columbus, OH 43215
- (c) Citizenship
US
- (d) Title of Class of Securities
COMMON STOCK
- (e) CUSIP Number
774830103

Item 3. If this statement is filed pursuant to Rule 13d-1(b),
or 13d-2(b), check whether the person filing is a:

- (a) Broker or Dealer registered under Section 15 of the Act
- (b) Bank as defined in section 3(a)(6) of the Act
- (c) Insurance Company as defined in section 3(a)(19) of the Act
- (d) Investment Company registered under section 8 of the Investment Company Act
- (e) Investment Adviser registered under section 203 of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940
- (f) X Employee Benefit Plan, Pension Fund which is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 or Endowment Fund; see 240.13d-1(b)(ii)(F)
- (g) Parent Holding Company, in accordance with 240.13d-1(b)(ii)(G) (Note: See Item 7)
- (h) Group, in accordance with 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(H)

Item 4. Ownership

If the percent of the class owned, as of December 31 of the year covered by the statement, or as of the last day of any month described in Rule 13d-1(b)(2), if applicable, exceeds five percent, provide the following information as of that date and identify those shares which there is a right to acquire.

- (a) Amount Beneficially Owned
245,000
- (b) Percent of Class
4.50
- (c) Number of shares as to which such person has: 245,000
- (i) sole power to vote or to direct the vote 245,000
 - (ii) shared power to vote or to direct the vote NO
 - (iii) sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of 245,000
 - (iv) shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of NO

SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Date

Signature

Name/Title

