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“Then life happened,” Hoffman said. With half an album written, Hoffman opened his first music store, focusing on retail sale and repairs, and put a lot of time into that part of his business. His current store, Hoffman’s Music, is on Bennet St. in Luzerne.

His personal life took precedent over writing. Hoffman got married several years ago and he now has five children, but he continued to move forward in all aspects of the music industry except his own writing.

When he did return to creating original music, it happened all at once.

“All these songs just spewed,” Hoffman said.

He noted that he was grateful for the gap between creative sessions, because coming back to it after growing

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as a guitar player and songwriter has allowed him to bring jazz and other influences into his work. He also said he’s learned how to use his voice to his advantage since he wrote the first half of the album.

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The album, which features lyrics that Hoffman was inspired to write by his relationships throughout the years, has both dark and melodic examples of rock, showing some of his influences but highlighting his individual style and the diversity with which he creates.

“Sure there’s influences, but I’ve always strived to, anytime something comes too close to one of them, steer away,” Hoffman said.

“Not to the point of forcing it, but I have so many influences, it blends out so that it’s something a little different, I hope.”

Beyond his album release on Oct. 9,



Submitted photo

Bill Hoffman performs with Mother Nature’s Sons.

Hoffman is planning a tribute to the Seattle grunge movement at

the Amber Lantern in Kingston for the end of the month.

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