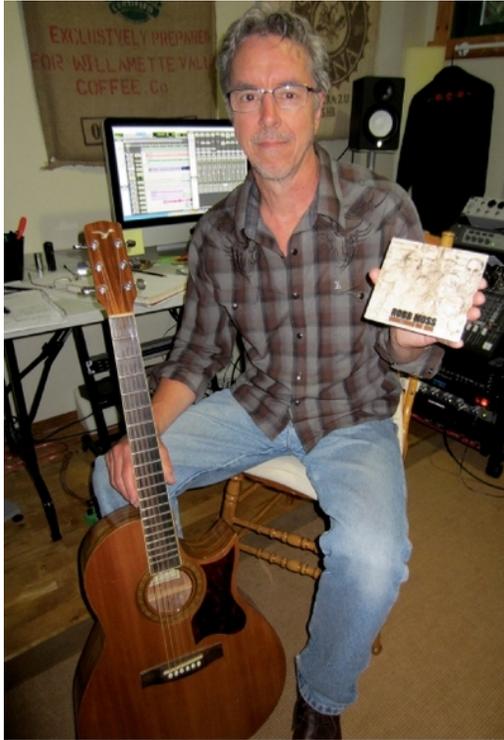


# Bragg Creek folk-country artist releases first CD

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Bragg Creek musician, Robb Moss, has two sides to his passion. One side aspires to thrive as an independent folk-country artist, the other works with musicians, recording and mixing their work. He is balancing both sides of his passion. In July, he put out his first album, *Sometimes We Win*, after 40 years as a musician. “It’s my first attempt to do a commercial, full-production album with a CD,” Moss said. Moss has lived in Bragg Creek since 1987. He worked as a site geologist in the oil patch for the better part of his career, but committed himself to his music about a year ago. It was the second time he had pursued music full time since graduating from university in the mid-70s. He said his career in the oil patch allowed him to continue with music, despite working full time. “It was one of those careers I could take a guitar with me wherever I went,” he said. He has received positive feedback about his first album and has had a couple of his songs picked for regular rotation on a radio station in the a community he frequents, Sand Point, Idaho. Moss is also working on having his music played on television during college football season in the United States. “I’m pretty excited about that,” he said. He completed the majority of the album himself within a few months.

“I’m the main singer, the acoustic guitar player, the producer, the songwriter and recorded all the tracks in my studio here in Bragg Creek,” he said. “As producer and songwriter, I had all the I’s dotted and the T’s crossed.” Despite the upbeat and danceable tempo of the songs on the album, Moss said they have deep meaning. “My lyrics aren’t light, they aren’t candy floss and bubblegum.” “(The song) Fool’s Gold was inspired by a fairly tragic event,” Moss said, saying it is about a Scottish man who was shot in Houston, Texas. “In one of my songs, called *The Flower*, it’s not about a flower, it’s about unsung heroes,” he said. “One of the lines is, ‘sometimes we win, sometimes we lose.’” The lyrics inspired the album’s name. “When you watch the 6 p.m. news, it’s sometimes hard to keep your head up and keep your spirits up,” he said. He hopes his album will inspire positivity in times of trials and tribulations. Moss is also working on local musician Thom Moon’s album, which is yet to be named and expected to be released in October. “I’m not playing on this album, I’m mixing and co-producing with Thom,” said Moss. “The album is a different genre, (than his own album). It’s more rhythm and blues and different instrumentation. We’re sort of at the stage of final listening.” He is happy to take a break with his own music and focus on the other side of his musical passion for a while. “You go through the love-hate relationship (with your music),” he said. “You’re so connected at the molecular level of the music, sooner or later you have to put it aside and step back and not listen to it.” Moss said when he listens to his own music, he doesn’t hear the details, he hears the music. “Then you start to hear your music in continuity of other songs,” he said. “(I) Listen to it in perspective of how does it fit (with other music). I’m excited about it, I tap my feet to it.” His album is downloadable online from iTunes or can be purchased from the Millarville General Store or by request from Moss by email at [robbmoss@xplornet.com](mailto:robbmoss@xplornet.com)