

OCTC bluegrass program has first band

Program now has 28 students

BY KEITH LAWRENCE
MESSENGER-INQUIRER

The Capital Bluegrass & Traditional Music program at Owensboro Community & Technical College has

its first band — the Capital Bluegrass Band. Members are Mackenzie Bell, fiddle; Julianna Gaynor, guitar; Alex Abend, bass; Sam Sanford, banjo; and Lindsey Wilson, mandolin. Scott Napier, the program's coordinator,

said, "Our goal is to have two bands. Anyone can sign up." The band's name comes from Owensboro's claim as "The Bluegrass Music Capital of the World." "I really believe that this is truly the capital of bluegrass music," Napier said.

The band is the face of the program at OCTC, he said. "It's a professional band," Napier said. The band recently traveled to Toledo, Ohio, with the Owensboro-Daviess County Convention & Visitors Bureau to

perform for the Heartland Travel convention and played at the International Bluegrass Music Association event in Raleigh, North Carolina last fall. Napier said he started work at OCTC on March 1, 2024.

"But it was just private lessons then," he said. "I had seven or eight students online then," Napier said. "The first real semester was last fall with classes in songwriting, bluegrass history, lessons and ensemble."

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But all those pastors were talking to someone who was simply broke. I didn't have the money they thought I had, just enough to get by week by week. What I do with my money is really important, but I won't let my money, which I don't have much of, define who I am. There's nothing wrong with being frugal. I've been pretty much frugal all my life because I've never made much money. I just tried not to spend money that I don't have. Money has a way of influencing people. If someone knows that someone has a lot of money, they're going to approach them to see how much they can get for themselves. I have no problem giving to charities and to people who really need help. But


I'm very careful about that because I want to make sure I help people who actually need help. That's a hard decision to make. Who really needs my money more than me? That's the question. Many years ago, a friend of mine wanted me to invest in some investment program that he was involved with. He had given them well over \$65,000. According to the investment, he would be getting interest every month. The one thing that sort of ticked me off was that the \$65,000 had to be in cash. If that isn't a red flag, I don't know what is. It turned out to be one of those Ponzi schemes. I'm not sure how they work, but I guarantee they will never work with my money. The only investment I have made was to good old Uncle Sam. Now, I get a monthly salary from

my Uncle, of which I am thankful. I couldn't help but think of a verse of scripture that is so often misquoted. 1 Timothy 6:10, "For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves

through with many sorrows." Money is NOT the root of all evil like so many people think. Rather, it's the LOVE of money that is the "root of all evil."

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