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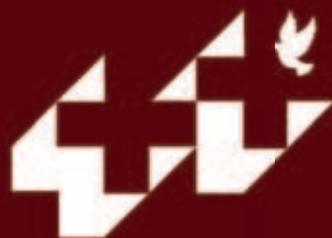
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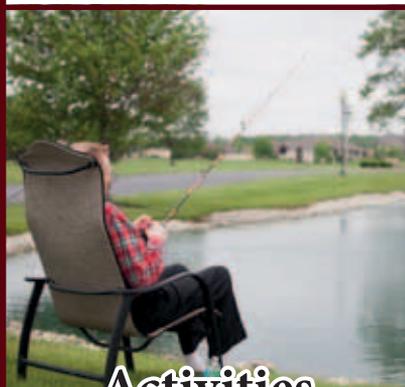
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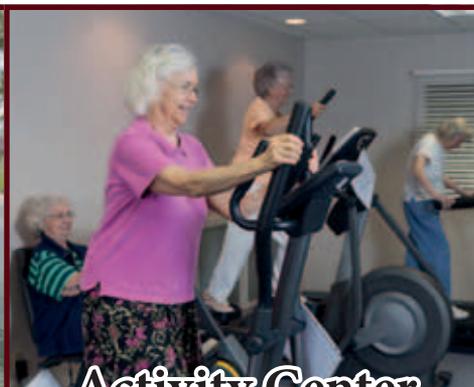
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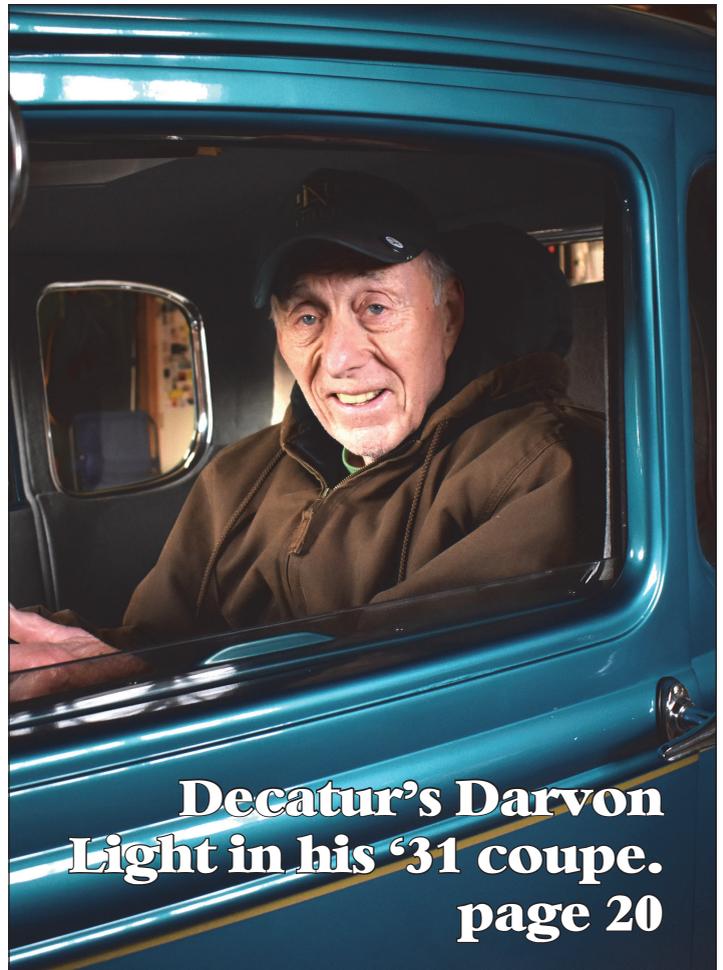
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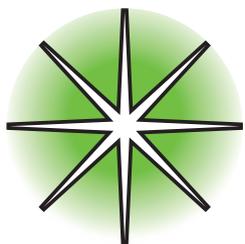
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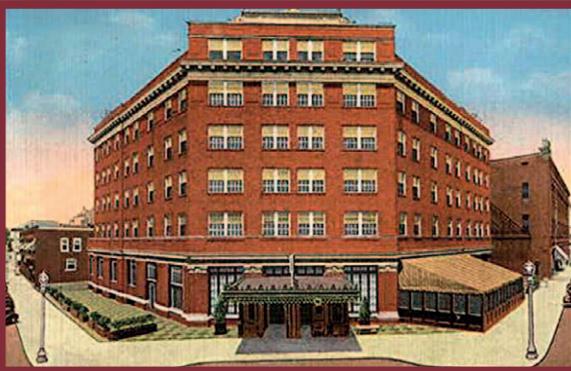
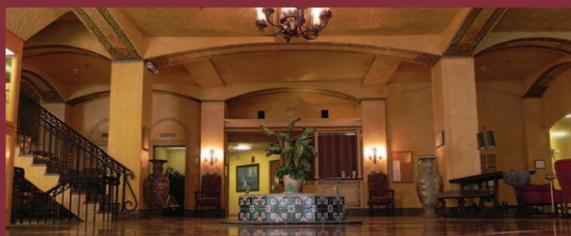


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# Music Man

## An early fascination with clefs and octaves led to a musical life

BY BOB CAYLOR

Max Stuckey was swept into music almost by chance, but it captivated him so thoroughly that nearly 60 years later, he still makes his living at the keys. For more than two-thirds of the decades he's made music, he's been the music director at First United Methodist Church in Bluffton.

At age 70, it's a job he still relishes, as much a sacred calling as an occupation. He sees performing the music of worship as a way to create a spiritual connection that goes beyond lyrics or melody.

"It's all a matter of communicating," he said. As he performs and members of the congregation sing, the music causes "the words to come to mind, the speak to the person so they can feel the spirit that speaks in a way the words can't."

How did music so entwine itself into his life? He recalls that it began in elementary school in Berne when he was about 11. As part of an assignment, he

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nated by musical notation itself, from the clef to the march of notes along the range of an octave on the backdrop of a staff.

His parents were reluctant to enroll him in musical lessons immediately, given how many young people don't stick with music or practice grudgingly, treating it as a chore.

"I was self-taught for a couple of years," Stuckey remembers. "From 11 to about 13, I begged for piano lessons."

He enjoyed the good fortune of studying first with the late Mary Kay Burkhalter. (She was half of Berne's most famous musical couple 50 years ago. Her husband was the late Freeman Burkhalter, who taught high school music in Berne for 40 years and was the music

was looking up definitions of musical terms, and he was immediately fasci-

minister of First Mennonite Church in Berne for 50 years.)

He took to it splendidly and practiced so avidly that he recalls, "My parents would punish me by telling me I couldn't touch the piano."

He soon branched out into studying the pipe organ with the late Erma Neuen. (Neuen's son Donald Neuen was a prominent conductor who led the Los Angeles-based Angeles Chorale as Artistic Director and who also had led the Cathedral Choir at the Crystal Cathedral in Garden Grove, California.)

"For a younger person, the organ has a different and stronger appeal," he said. "All the controls, the bells and whistles, are a stronger attraction."

The knobs and pedals and mechanism, the towering pipes, the enormous sound — everything about the pipe organ was fascinating. And having the chance to play the instrument at First Mennonite Church was no small part of the appeal.

Stuckey went on to study music at Goshen College. After he graduated, he worked in a music store and was the organist at Goshen First Presbyte-

On the cover and above: Max Stuckey, music director of First United Methodist Church in Bluffton, never takes for granted the privilege of playing the church's pipe organ, installed in 1971. (Photos by Bob Caylor)

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# Retired Indiana teacher handcrafts ukuleles from gourds

BY CARSON GERBER

Kokomo Tribune

PERU — Most people use gourds for fall decorations or crafting. Not Ron Luginbill.

Give the 72-year-old Peru resident a gourd, and a few weeks later, he'll have turned it into an exquisitely crafted, perfectly playable ukulele.

Over the last two years, Luginbill has turned his small woodshop behind his house on the south side of Peru into a kind of scientific lab to develop new techniques and styles to build the instruments.

Pieces of gourd lay on shelves with different kinds of paint and finish on them to see what looks best. Others have been sanded down to different thicknesses to discover what creates the best sound.

Luginbill, who retired from a 38-year career teaching elementary classes at Maconaquah School Corporation, said testing and experimenting is really the only way to do what he does, considering there aren't many people out there making gourd ukuleles who could teach him.

"I'm not a professional," he said. "I'm still learning and experimenting."

Even so, his gourd instruments have started hitting the market. Two handcrafted ukuleles are now for sale at a music store in Nashville, Indiana. He's in the process of making five more that he hopes to sell at other shops.

It's an impressive step for his budding business, considering Luginbill never built an instrument in his life until he started making gourd ukuleles two years ago. He said he's always dabbled in woodworking and crafting, but nothing like this.

And the inspiration for his new undertaking came from one of the most unlikely of places: a Goodwill store.

Luginbill said he came across a chintzy, poorly made gourd ukulele on the thrift store's online shopping website, and decided to buy it. Something about the instrument struck a chord, and he was hit with a flash of inspiration.

"I thought, 'I'm going to do this. I'm going to try it,'" Luginbill said.

By that time, he'd been playing uke for about six years. Luginbill bought his first ukulele in Hawaii in 2013 after driving past a shop packed with differ-



Ron Luginbill uses a saw in his workshop to cut a notch in a gourd to make one of his ukuleles. (Photo by Kelly Lafferty Gerber, Kokomo Tribune)

ent varieties of the instruments.

He got his first lesson the next day in the hotel lobby after stumbling across a native Hawaiian teaching a class to a group of students. After striking up a conversation, Luginbill got a free one-hour lesson on his newly purchased ukulele.

And it was love at first strum.

But picking up the instrument wasn't particularly hard for Luginbill. He'd been playing guitar since he was in high school and teaching it since 1993.

Over the years, he started collecting different high-end ukuleles, and also started offering lessons on top of his guitar classes. But it wasn't until buying the gourd ukulele from the Goodwill website that he decided to make one himself.

Luginbill purchased the first gourds for his first instruments from a vendor in Fulton County. He cut them open, hollowed them out, and started experimenting with how to turn them into a ukulele.

He ended up buying the neck and fret boards for the instruments, but the top face cover he made from a piece of rosebud wood he found in the yard right outside his workshop. The gourds he's using now to make his new batch of instruments come from a farm near Brookston.

So far, he's made two gourd ukuleles, both of which are on sale at Weed Patch Music in Nashville, which also sells his handcrafted instrument straps he makes from materials he finds laying about.

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Max Stuckey accompanies a cello student, seated in the background, on the grand piano at First United Methodist Church. He has been on the staff at the Bluffton church since 1978 and is now its music director.

## Music Man

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rian Church for five years. In 1978, he moved to Bluffton and became the staff organist at the First United Methodist Church. He later became its director of music as well.

The organ at the First United Methodist, installed in 1971, was part of sealing the deal to work in Bluffton. His first impression when he visited: “This is so cool!” he remembers. “It was clearly an organ not just for services but for performing.”

Much has changed since then. Fads and fashions in church music and the controversy they engender have come and gone. Instead of 40 music students, as he taught early on in Bluffton, he now has three. But at its heart, the mission of enhancing worship with music endures.

He remains grateful for

the opportunity to play the remarkable pipe organ at the Bluffton church. Budget-cutting has moved many schools to de-emphasize music performance and other artistic endeavors. Losing a year of revenue because of the COVID-19 pandemic has tightened the financial pressures on orchestras around the country.

He’s keenly aware that everyone like him, people who still play music professionally, help hold the line in a very challenging time. What’s at stake is continuing to feed the vitality of society through music.

“For me and for many, music and the arts are as important to the well-being of the person as food and exercise,” he said.

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# Distinguished service

*Dick Linn's World War II experience brought an unexpected recognition*

BY KAYLEEN REUSSER

In January 1943 Richard Linn, a native of Decatur, enlisted in the Army with a plan.

In high school Linn had worked for a funeral director which gave him first-hand experience of anatomy, a subject he found fascinating. He believed the best way to serve his country would be as a medic.

The Army agreed. After Linn scored high marks on a series of medical tests, he was sent to a medical training battalion at Ft. Louis, Washington. Linn trained six months before spending an additional three months at a camp for medics in Springfield, Missouri.

In July 1944, Linn and thousands of other soldiers shipped out from Camp Philmore, New Jersey, for Europe. Like most soldiers, Linn had no idea of the ship's destination.

A month later, they landed on Omaha Beach in France. The Allies had been engaged in fighting the German army since 1940. The biggest amphibious invasion in world history that had begun on June 6 was the Allies' attempt to gain ground and end the war.

No amount of training can prepare one for war, as Linn discovered. He joined the Allies as they progressed through France, liberating Paris. In October Linn was aiding wounded soldiers on the front line during a particularly fierce skirmish when a shell landed near him. His body was thrown to the ground. Linn picked himself up and, as shells continued to fly overhead, he performed his duties for three soldiers who had been badly injured.

One of them — a buddy of Linn's — died. "There was little I could do," said Linn. "I couldn't even find his face."

That night as Linn lay in a foxhole, unable to sleep, due to a dull ache in his arm. The next day he reported the injury to his sergeant. The officer panicked. Knowing how valuable medics were, he ordered Linn to see a hospital surgeon. Linn agreed but only after he remained in camp a while longer to administer aid to the injured.

When Linn finally reported his wound, the physician plastered the arm, forcing the medic to stay at General Leone Hospital for two weeks.

A few months later, Corporal Linn was shocked when he was awarded the military's second highest award — the Distinguished Service Cross. Only the Medal of Honor is higher.

The medal was given in recognition of Linn's dedication to the wounded in the midst of battle. He also received a Purple Heart for sustaining an injury



As a result of his service during World War II, Dick Linn of Decatur received the second highest award for valor from the U.S. government and the highest award from France.

during battle.

In August 1945 Linn was shipped back to the United States on the Queen Elizabeth for furlough. When the war ended a few weeks later, he received his discharge.

Using the G.I. bill available to military veterans, Linn attended Mortuary Science School in Indianapolis. He operated a funeral Home in Decatur, retiring from the business in 1986.

In 1947 Linn married. He and his wife Colleen became parents to two daughters.

For several decades Linn had put his war days behind him. Then in 2002, a film crew from Fort Sam Houston contacted him with a request. They wanted to include Linn's story of serving as a medic in a film about the importance of the role of military medics. The movie, including his becoming a recipient of the Distinguished Service Cross, would become part of a military training film.

Linn agreed. The resulting film included re-enacted scenes of him assisting soldiers in battle.

In 2004, Linn received the Cheva-

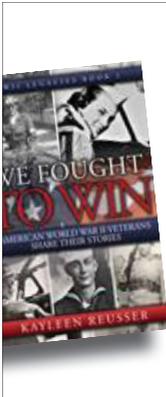


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General Orders No. 13 (1945)

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The President of the United States of America, authorized by Act of Congress, July 9, 1918, takes pleasure in presenting the Distinguished Service Cross to Technician Fifth Grade Richard F. Linn, United States Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy while serving as a Medical Aidman with the 324th Infantry Regiment, 44th Infantry Division, in action against enemy forces on 24 October 1944, in the vicinity of Embermenil, France. Although seriously wounded when his organization was subjected to an unusually heavy artillery and mortar barrage, Technician Fifth Grade Linn, with utter disregard for his own life, coupled with unusual presence of mind, administered first aid to his wounded comrades. He refused to be evacuated until another aid man could take his place and thus remained with his platoon all night administering to their needs. Technician Fifth Grade Linn's admirable courage and exemplary devotion to duty were an inspiration to his officers and fellow soldiers and were decisive factors in the maintenance of control and in bolstering the morale of his platoon during its initial engagement with the enemy. Technician Fifth Grade Linn's intrepid actions, personal bravery and zealous devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the military forces of the United States and reflect great credit upon himself, the 44th Infantry Division, and the United States Army.



Kaylen Reusser, of Bluffton, is a former regular contributor to Senior Living and News-Banner Publications. She has written a series of books about veterans of World War II. This story is from her most recent book, "We Fought to Win." The book is available on the internet and is also available at The News-Banner office in Bluffton.

lier de la Légion D'Honneur from the French government. The French medal was the government's highest honor for valor in war. Linn received it in appreciation for his efforts in helping France gain freedom from German occupation during World War II. The medal was presented at a banquet held in Chicago.

Linn was thrilled but humble about his medals. "We soldiers were often scared," he said. "But we did what we had to do for our country."

Linn died in 2014.

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# Philanthropist's vision transformed Columbus into architectural "mecca"

BY TANYA ISCH CAYLOR

For our winter pandemic getaway, we wanted to go somewhere to view outdoor art. My husband suggested Columbus, Indiana, which, it turns out, is regarded as "the architectural mecca of the Midwest."

This did not sound the least bit interesting to me.

He persisted: Did I know that I.M. Pei, who created the controversial glass pyramid entrance to the Louvre in Paris, designed the Columbus library?

I'd never heard of Pei, or any of the other "important" architects who drew up the town's unusual banks, churches and schools. But I was curious what drew so many bigshots from all over the globe to a place that, even here in Indiana, isn't the first city you think of



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when someone mentions "going to Columbus."

We booked a room at the Hotel Indigo Architectural Center, so named because of its proximity to the town's most notable buildings. Equally important, in my view: Several restaurants within walking distance. If the architecture didn't move me, I could always focus on the food.

You might think a hotel with "architectural center" in its name sounds pretentious. But its bright colors and whimsical features struck me as fun rather than fancy. The "columns" holding up the carport out front were all askew, like wind chimes paused in action. Inside, we were greeted by Miles, the hotel dog. Seating areas in the lobby were artsy yet comfy.

Our first stop, for a late lunch, was the Columbus Pump House just down the street, on the banks of the East Fork of the White River. Built in 1903, it once pumped the city's water and powered its street lights but has since been reincarnated as a brewpub. It's a cool building, considered "notable" and "outstanding" on the most recent DNR



The First Christian Church, one of America's first modernist churches, can be viewed through a modernist arch sculpture across the street in Columbus.

surveys of Indiana Historic Sites. But it's not one of the town's seven National Historic Landmarks, an indication of just how much there is to see here.

A bus tour of the city's architecture — unavailable during our visit due to covid — takes two hours. A self-guided tour lists more than 80 points of interest.

How did the town become such an architectural hotspot?

Modernist architecture, it seems, was one of the passions of the longtime CEO of diesel engine maker Cummins Inc., which has its world headquarters in Columbus.

J. Irwin Miller believed cutting-edge architecture energized the local cultural scene, making the city more attractive to the types of employees he wanted to hire. His company paid the architectural fees for school boards and other local entities if they agreed to select an architect off a list he provided.

Though he died in 2004, we felt Miller's presence everywhere we went. The stunning nine-foot-tall neon-yellow glass sculpture at the town's museum-

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# How expenses can change during retirement

Work is a major component of daily life, so much so that Andrew Naber, an industrial and organizational psychologist and an associate behavioral scientist at RAND Corp., determined that the average person spends 90,000 hours at work over the course of his or her lifetime. According to a 2014 Gallup poll, the average American retires at age 62, but roughly 64 percent of professionals bid farewell to the workplace between ages 55 and 65.

Retirees must make a number of adjustments once they call it a career. No such adjustment is as significant as the financial one. Most people find their post-retirement income is considerably less than when they were working full-time. That is why financial planners often recommend saving and investing enough during working years to be able to replace 80 percent of preretirement income. Certain expenses get lower after retirement, but some will rise. Here's a look at what to expect when the bills come due during retirement.

- Food costs: Food costs may go down



Travel is one expense that can shoot up during retirement.

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in retirement because shopping and preparing meals for one or two people is much less costly than feeding a family of four or more. However, dining out may increase as you have more free time to visit local eateries.

• **Automotive costs:** According to data from the U.S. Department of Transportation, the average commuter spends 25.8 minutes behind the wheel twice a day, and the average driver puts in 13,474 miles behind the wheel each year — with people between the ages of 35 and 54 clocking close to 15,000 miles. Less time spent in the car means fewer gasoline fill-ups and longer durations between oil changes and other services. In addition, based on the Internal Revenue Service reimbursement rate of 58 cents per mile, a typical commute of 20 to 30 miles a day costs \$11 to \$16 a day or \$55 to \$80 a week. In a year, you could easily be spending \$2,000 to \$4,000 a year commuting if you live within 15 miles of your job. Without commuting, that cash stays in your pocket.

• **Taxes:** Many people can expect to be done paying federal income taxes when they are retired and no longer earning

an income. If the majority of retirement savings were in Roth IRA accounts, contributions are available for withdrawal tax- and penalty-free at any age.

• **Housing:** Your mortgage may be paid off before or soon after retirement. That eliminates the single largest expense in many people’s budgets. If your home will not be paid off, it’s possible to downsize to reduce monthly payments.

• **Travel:** While many other expenses can go down, travel is one expense that can shoot up during retirement. But many people are happy to bear this cost. With more time for travel, retirees may allocate more funds toward vacations and other great escapes.

• **Health care:** Seniors often see their health care needs and costs go up after retirement. It’s important to understand what is covered by health plans, and it’s equally important to set money aside for unforeseen medical expenses.

Many costs of living decrease after retirement. However, it is wise to take in the whole picture to understand how to budget for retirement.

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# The blessings of a fixed income

BY MARK FRANKE

One thing we geezers, I mean senior citizens, are not so lovingly known for is constantly whining, I mean commenting, about being on a fixed income. Every time the price of gas goes up at the pump or groceries seem to cost more at checkout, an irritating choir of voices is heard about the unfairness of having to live on a fixed income.



Back when inflation was a real concern, there was some truth to this. Pensions, social security and other retirement incomes lagged by a year in giving cost of living increases and what did come was typically viewed as too little, too late. Of course the other problem was the questionable accuracy of the federal consumer price index in calculating what the typical household paid in prices for its so called market basket of goods and services. Given that retirees purchase different items on different frequencies than a young family, this could work against seniors. At least we all thought it did.

I will refrain from using that tired term, the new normal, but the times they are a'changing. Inflation is little more than an unpleasant memory, at least for most things. My cable TV and internet bill somehow goes up every six months or so and our local mayor wants to increase the food and beverage tax by a full percentage point, but I will stop there with the grouching.

Rather, I think this is a great time to be on a fixed income. Think of the people who work in the restaurant, hospitality and tourism industries. Most are trying to live on significantly reduced incomes and many have lost their jobs, perhaps permanently. Then there are those who work for companies such as food wholesalers and equipment manufacturers which supply these hard-hit businesses. Which, in turn, affects those they buy from and those they buy from and so forth. A friend who manages an American Legion post told me that he was able to bring all his employees back after the mandatory shutdown last spring but he estimates that their annual income was reduced by 20-25

percent due to lost hours and reduced tips after reopening to limited seating. Other posts, he said, permanently reduced staff and several never reopened. While this is not an empirical study on my part, one can easily extrapolate that across a large swath of the U. S. economy.

Sure, there were forgivable loans offered to employers and stimulus checks sent to workers and non-workers

alike. A lucky group was able to collect unemployment benefits in excess of their regular wages, thanks to the economic geniuses who write laws in Congress. Americans who weren't suffering income loss responded by donations to charities and helped where and when they could.

My small part has been to tip 30 percent when at a restaurant or picking up carryout. That may seem like a lot, especially when my wife insists on going to up-scale places rather than the not so up-scale places I prefer like that American Legion post I mentioned above. It only costs me a few dollars a week but it can mean a lot to the struggling employees at these establishments.

I am not nominating myself for sainthood or a presidential citation since I just admitted that this hasn't cost me much. Think, though, how much it would do for these workers if everyone increased tipping by even a dollar each visit?

Many are, as evidenced by a story in my local newspaper, which quoted a waitress as thankful that her customers were tipping as much as 20 percent. This, she said, compared to her normal tip of only 10 percent. We Hoosiers are frugal, and I can think of several less complimentary terms for it, but we can and do respond when we see our neighbors in need. As well we should.

We seniors can share the blessing of a fixed income during a time when so many others deal with a reduced and uncertain income.

And then there has been those unexpected stimulus checks that most of us seniors received. So much for a fixed income.

Mark Franke is formerly associate vice chancellor at Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne. He wrote this for Indiana newspapers.

# Heart racing? Get it checked out

**Q** Whenever I drink a little too much wine, I find that I wake up at night and my heart seems to race for a while. Can wine do that?

**A** The short answer is yes. But, first, it sounds like you haven't told a doctor about this. And you should — immediately. What you're describing could be atrial fibrillation. The risk of atrial fibrillation increases with age, particularly after age 60.

Atrial fibrillation — also called AF or AFib — is the most common form of irregular heartbeat. It is an abnormal heart rhythm originating in the atria, the upper chambers of the heart. The rate of impulses through the atria can range from 300 to 600 beats per minute.

Because the atria are beating rapidly and irregularly, blood does not flow through them as quickly. This makes the blood more likely to clot. If a clot is pumped out of the heart, it can travel to the brain causing a stroke. People with atrial fibrillation are five to seven times more likely to have a stroke than the general population.

Infrequent and brief episodes of atrial fibrillation can be triggered by overindulgence in alcohol, caffeine and food. Doctors sometimes call AF “holiday heart.”

However, some of the most common causes of AF are high blood pressure, a variety of heart problems such as coronary artery disease, chronic lung disease and pulmonary embolism, which is a condition that occurs when an artery in your lung becomes blocked.

In at least 10 percent of AF cases, no underlying heart disease is found. In these cases, AF may be related to alcohol or excessive caffeine use, stress, certain drugs, electrolyte or metabolic imbalances, or severe infections. In some cases, no cause can be found.

Among the commonly used tools to diagnose atrial fibrillation are the electrocardiogram (ECG); a Holter monitor, a small external recorder usually worn for one to three days, and a portable event monitor that enables a patient to record an AF.

Many people live for years problem-



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By Fred Cicetti

free with atrial fibrillation. However, chronic atrial fibrillation can cause problems. Besides stroke, there is the danger that clots can travel to other parts of the body (kidneys, heart, intestines), causing damage. AF can decrease the heart's pumping ability by as much as 20 to 25 percent. AF combined with a fast heart rate over a long period of time can cause heart failure.

AF symptoms include a racing or fluttering heart, fatigue, dizziness, feeling faint, chest discomfort, and shortness of breath. However, you can have atrial fibrillation without symptoms.

Initially, medications are used to treat atrial fibrillation. There are also medications to prevent blood clots. In addition to taking medications, there

are lifestyle changes you can make. These include: quitting smoking, limiting alcohol and caffeine, avoiding activities that seem related to your irregular heart rhythm.

When initial remedies don't correct or control AF, a procedure such as electrical cardioversion may be necessary. In this procedure, an electrical shock is delivered to your chest wall to restore a normal rhythm.

Then there are devices such as an implantable atrial defibrillator that delivers low-dose therapy to convert AF to a normal heart rhythm.

Patients with chronic AF not relieved by medication or procedures are candidates for surgical treatment. Many of these approaches can be performed with minimally invasive (endoscopic or “keyhole”) surgical techniques.

*If you would like to ask a question, write to fred@healthygeezers.com.*

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# How often should I see my doctor?

Routine health checkups are a key part of staying healthy. Older adults may feel like they're always visiting one doctor or another. But what is an acceptable frequency for doctor appointments?

## Healthy Questions

The answer isn't always so cut and dry, and many health professionals have mixed feelings even among themselves over the magic number. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends adults over the age of 65 visit the doctor more than twice as often as 18- to 44-year-olds. According to Paul Takahashi, a physician at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., adults should see their primary care physicians at least once a year to make sure diseases are being properly managed and to stay current on preventative screenings.

Visiting the doctor more frequently does not necessarily add up to better health, and it actually can do the opposite. Dr. Peter Abadir, an associate professor of medicine at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, says frequent visits to health facilities where sick people congregate puts one at a higher risk of illness or infection. Visiting the doctor only when necessary is one way to avoid risky exposure.

Doctor visit frequency is not a one-size-fits-all answer. A yearly physical or checkup is a given, even for people who are healthy. People with a family history of certain conditions, like sleep disorders, cancer, high blood pressure, and other conditions, may need to see a doctor more frequently than those with no such histories. In addition, patients may need referrals to certain specialists who work together to provide an overall health plan. That can increase the number of appointments and shorten the intervals between them. Johnson Memorial Health offers some statistics.

- People visit the doctor four times a year on average.
- Studies show that poor or uninsured people prolong the time between doctor's visits.
- Individuals with high blood pressure may need to see the doctor four times a year to ensure medications are working properly.
- Patients on dialysis see the doctor several times a week.

Dr. Jennifer Caudle, a family physi-

cian and assistant professor at Rowan University School of Osteopathic Medicine in Stratford, NJ, says too often people visit

the doctor only when they are really sick. That works to their disadvantage because the appointment will focus only on treating the illness instead of addressing other preventative care and

screenings. Balance is necessary in regard to health care.

Patients can work together with their doctors to develop screening schedules that are customized to their particular profiles. These schedules can be modified as health history information changes or as patients age. Doctors can dial back or increase health visits as needed.

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# Enjoy hot cross buns this Easter

A number of foods are enjoyed during Easter celebrations, from hard-boiled eggs to ham to roasted lamb. Sweets such as candies and chocolates also take

center stage on Easter Sunday. In addition to these traditional favor-

ites, hot cross buns have become must-haves for many Easter celebrants.

Hot cross buns are yeast-based sweet buns that are lightly spiced and studded with raisins or currants. The tops are marked with a cross that is often piped with icing. While there's no clear explanation of how hot cross buns came to be, there are indications that they once were reserved only for Good Friday. Others say they were consumed throughout Lent. The cross is a Christian symbol of the crucifixion and Christ himself.

Hot cross buns are soft and sweet, and they're easily created. Enjoy this recipe, courtesy of King Arthur Flour.

## Hot Cross Buns

*Yield 12 to 14 buns*

### Buns

- 1/4 cup apple juice or rum
- 1/2 cup mixed dried fruit
- 1/2 cup raisins or dried currants
- 1 1/4 cups milk, room temperature
- 2 large eggs, plus 1 egg yolk (save the white for the topping)
- 6 tablespoons butter, room temperature
- 2 teaspoons instant yeast
- 1/4 cup light brown sugar, firmly packed
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cloves or allspice
- 1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1 3/4 teaspoons salt
- 1 tablespoon baking powder
- 4 1/2 cups unbleached all-purpose flour

### Topping

- 1 large egg white, reserved from above
- 1 tablespoon milk

### Icing

- 1 cup + 2 tablespoons confectioners' sugar

- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
- Pinch of salt

- 4 teaspoons milk, or enough to make a thick, pipeable icing

Lightly grease a 10" square pan or 9" x 13" pan.

Mix the rum or apple juice with the dried fruit and raisins, cover with plastic wrap and microwave briefly, just until the fruit and liquid are very warm and the plastic starts to "shrink wrap" itself over the top of the bowl. Set aside to cool to room temperature. Note: If you worry about using plastic wrap in your microwave, simply cover the bowl with a glass lid.

When the fruit is cool, mix together all of the dough ingredients (including the eggs and egg yolk from the separated egg); hold out the fruit for the time being. Knead the mixture, using an electric mixer or bread machine, until the dough is soft and elastic. It'll be very slack, sticking to the bottom of the bowl and your hands as you work with it (greasing your hands helps). Mix in

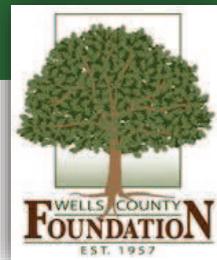
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Hot cross buns have become must-haves for many Easter celebrants.

the fruit and any liquid not absorbed.

Let the dough rise for 1 hour, covered. It should become puffy, though may not double in bulk.

Divide the dough into billiard ball-sized pieces, about 3 3/4 ounces each. A heaped muffin scoop (about 1/3 cup) makes about the right portion. You'll make 12 to 14 buns. Use your greased hands to round them into balls. Arrange them in the prepared pan.

Cover the pan, and let the buns rise for 1 hour, or until they've puffed up and are touching one another. While the

dough is rising, preheat the oven to 375 F.

Whisk together the reserved egg white and milk, and brush it over the buns.

Bake the buns for 20 minutes, until they're golden brown. Remove from the oven, carefully turn the buns out of the pan (they should come out in one large piece), and transfer them to a rack to cool.

Mix together the icing ingredients, and when the buns are completely cool, pipe it in a cross shape atop each bun.

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## Retired teacher

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Luginbill has also started using that found-object approach to making ukuleles. He's made one of the instruments from a wooden bowl he found, of course, at Goodwill. That ukulele is also being sold at the same store in Nashville.

He has other bowls he hopes to use for his instruments, as well as a plastic lamp shade. On top of that, he's build one traditional-looking ukulele that now hangs in a room in his woodshop that plays as well as any instrument someone could buy at a music store.

"The cool thing about making them this way is that they're all different," Luginbill said.

Building ukuleles might be a new undertaking for him, but tinkering and tampering aren't. For most of his life, he's experimented with different projects, like making coasters from old LPs. He also stays busy playing music and performing with his wife, Sarah, a painter who owns an art gallery in downtown Peru.

He said he has so many ideas and projects he wants to try in his retire-



Ron Luginbill's handcrafted instruments for sale at Weed Patch Music in Nashville, Indiana. (Submitted photo)

ment that he's not sure if he'll ever get to them all. But building gourd ukes - that's something he's going to stick with for a while.

"I'm not kidding you, I've had a blast doing this," Luginbill said. "I just want to learn and try something new."

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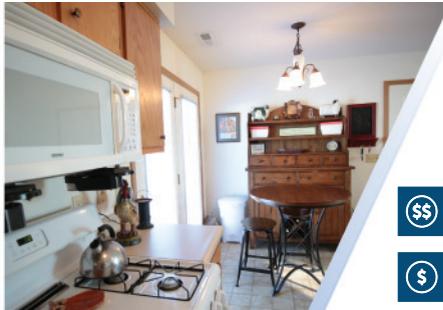
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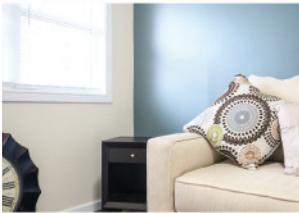
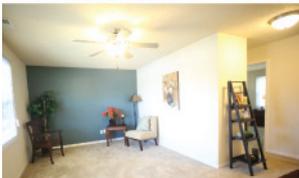


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# Trophy winner

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For more than 30 years, the rides Darvon Light really cared about all had two wheels. It wasn't until he was past 60 years old that he bought a car worthy of the kind of attention he'd lavished on motorcycles.

Light, now 82, said he realized more than 20 years ago that if he was ever going to customize a car in classic hot-rod style, he ought to do it soon. He and his youngest brother looked for a likely candidate. They found it in a

classified ad: a 1931 Ford five-window coupe. When he bought it, it was anything but stock and much the

worse for wear at the hands of earlier customizers.

"When I got it, it was in pretty bad shape," the rural Decatur resident remembers. "The body was in pretty bad shape. It had a bunch of spaghetti for wiring. My brother put new sheet metal in the trunk, and I completely rewired the thing."



In this 1973 photo, Light sits atop one of his choppers in front of the home east of Decatur where he still lives. (Courtesy photo)



This cluster of trophies are only part of the evidence of how Darvon Light's hot rod charms the judges at car shows. (Photos by Bob Caylor)

He and his brother Tim did the body work up to the point of painting. For the paint job, he relied on the expertise of a nearby body shop, 101 Auto Collision.

Now the '31 Ford has neither fenders nor hood, but that's all the better to showcase the expanses of chrome on and around its engine, a transplanted

350 from a 1972 Nova.

"The engine is all chromed out," he said. "I've got a chrome manifold on it and aluminum valve covers. The alternator, the water pump and everything is all chromed out on it."

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Ford engineers who designed the 1931 five-window coupe could only have dreamed of the kind of power Darvon Light transplanted into with this 350 engine from a 1972 Nova.



attention.

He's been taking the hot rod to car shows for years. Now clusters of trophies crowd the tops of cabinets in the garage where the old Ford spends its winters with a 1972 Volkswagen Beetle Light is working on.

It's clear that he's worked long hours making the Ford just the kind of hot rod he wants. He lavishes so much attention on the car that it's a little hard to believe he used to be more a motorcycle man.

In the late 1960s and early 1970s, he started building choppers out of the great British bikes of the era, Triumphs and BSAs. (BSA stands for Birmingham Small Arms Company Limited, but it was more widely known by its initials.) He remembers one chopper he made with such a long fork that it had a 9-foot wheelbase, compared with the 5-5½-foot wheelbases typical in stock motorcycles.

When he discovered big Hondas — first a Goldwing, later a Shadow, later a larger Shadow — tooling around and longer touring became the heart of his love for motorcycles. He remembers putting a total of 112,000 miles on those three big bikes.

Light has a clear view of his riding ability, and that's why he's not on the road any longer.

"I rode up until about four years ago. My hands-and-feet coordination wasn't there anymore. I told my wife I've ridden for 50 years, I've never been in a wreck, but it's about time to get off of it," he said.

He still has a small dirt bike available to play around on, but the '31 hot rod is still there for a hobby. Mostly it's a show car, although he does take it out for a short spin now and then. In reality, he's the kind of car man who may never be completely satisfied with the state of his hot rod.

"Really, it's an ongoing project," he said.

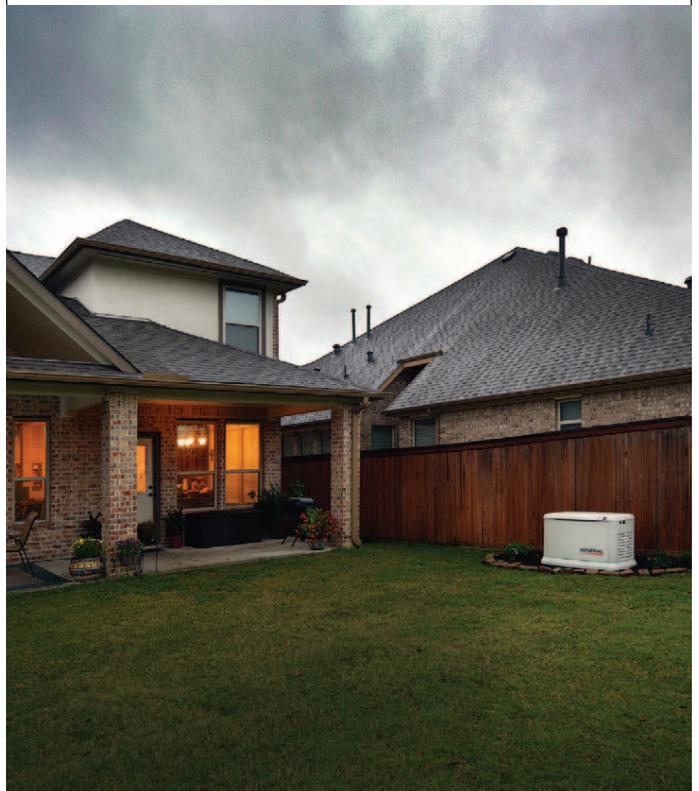
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# Hoosier Fun: Columbus

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like visitor's center was a gift from Miller. A chandelier by artist Dale Chihuly, it looked like a giant sea creature. It's appendages looked lifelike and capable of propelling it through water, though we knew from the blurb that they were, in fact, 900 hand-blown glass ornaments.

The library, the site I was most interested in, was right next door, but it was closed due to covid. So we wandered across the library plaza to check out a large arch sculpture — another Miller donation — which proved to be a unique frame through which to view the First Christian Church across the street.

I'd read somewhere that this 1942 building was one of America's first modernist churches, but the only detail that stuck with me was the curious fact that its thousands of screws are all "clocked" vertically. The ginormous doors were locked. But it was true: of all the screws we could see in the large wooden panels, all but one were turned so that the screwdriver slot was precisely vertical.

While we were marveling at this, a car pulled up and a friendly little man called out that if we went around to the side of the building, we could go in.

The man, who turned out to be Facility Manager Rick Herman, explained the mystery of the screws.



The Hotel Indigo Architectural Center, so named because of its proximity to Columbus' most notable buildings, includes whimsical features like these columns that suggest wind chimes caught in motion. (Photo by Tanya Isch Caylor)

"They point to heaven," he said. The church's building committee — which included Irwin Miller's wealthy relatives, whom the recent Yale and Oxford graduate persuaded to bankroll a modernist Finnish architect — "wanted people to look to the lord, to focus on God rather than earthly things."

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Rick Herman, facility manager of the First Christian Church in Columbus, inside the chapel of the 1942 building.

continued, from the sound-absorbing cork tiles on the floor to the off-center placement of the cross in the sanctuary, which “directs the eye to God” rather than the human in the pulpit.

“I tell ya, I’m 65 years old, it’s getting

to be a challenge,” he confessed, groaning goodnaturedly about climbing a 50-foot ladder to change lightbulbs.

“But this building,” he continued, caught up in a reverie he hasn’t gotten

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to share much during the pandemic, “it’s just — it’s an incredible space. It’s sacred, but it’s also practical, from my point of view.”

It sounded like his take on the old saying “form follows function” — the mantra of the modernist movement in art as well as architecture. .

Back at the hotel on our final night, after a visit to yet another brewpub (Zwanzig’s), we settled in for a streamed viewing of the critically acclaimed indie film “Columbus.”

I’d never heard of it before we came to town. But the film — which pursues the unlikely bonding between a Korean man visiting his hospitalized architecture critic dad and a young dreamer stuck in town coping with her meth-addict mom — was highly regarded at the 2017 Sundance Film Festival. It was surreal to see John Cho, the actor who plays Sulu on the Star Trek reboot series, hanging out on the plaza where we’d stood earlier that day.

The film took us inside some of the architectural icons we hadn’t been able to tour, including I.M. Pei’s library, where the would-be architecture student works, and the Miller House — apparently considered by those in the know to be as innovative and important as any of Frank Lloyd Wright’s better known creations.

It was gratifying to discover that even those who do grasp modern architecture sometimes have trouble expressing what it is about the buildings that moves them. One of the film’s arty techniques was to pull the camera back and have the young librarian try to explain, with obvious emotion but no actual sound, what Columbus’ buildings mean to her.

I still don’t understand enough about architecture to truly appreciate what I was seeing. But I definitely developed an appreciation for J. Irwin Miller’s masterpiece: the town itself. I’m looking forward to a return trip in some postcovid future when we can see more of it.

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