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Pipers

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Q: How is a bagpiper’s fingers like lightning?
A: They never strike the same exact note.

They’re serious about the pipes, and they’re not buying a bagpipe on a whim. The Poelstras said they think interest in the bagpipe has advanced mainly because of a relaxation of some traditions.

“My teacher always tells us the best way to keep your instrument and they said that because of that they get a really good sound,” McKee said.

The twins play in the Chicago Stockyard Kilt Band, which McKee Poelstra said is the oldest continuous pipe band in the country. They have played, in its class of about 12 bands three of those times.

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