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The Old Men Boys are a local band that plays a broad range of music spanning bluegrass and the blues. The band consists of four musicians who play a combination of banjo, harmonica, bass, fiddle, guitar, and percussion. They are a group of amateur musicians who get together every week to practice, but most importantly to enjoy each other's company and have a good time. Music brings the band's members together, starting with playing music in a tradition that is not 'mainstream,' and friendships that are strengthened by shared political and social beliefs sustains the band and keeps it going. Music is a definitive part of the lives of each and every member of the band, but is enjoyed specifically because they do not play at a professional level. Although they do perform in front of audiences, playing music is about having fun and being able to break away from the quotidian activities that structure their lives.