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Blackstone Valley Bluegrass' concert at the Senior Center a "cool" affair

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Blackstone Valley Bluegrass played to a packed house at the Senior Center Thursday night
All photos by Steve Balestrieri.

July 21, 2011 - MILLBURY, Mass. - The Millbury Council of Aging on Thursday night held their second concert of the summer series indoors because of the oppressive heat outside. The temps were in the 90's outside but inside the packed house was listening in cool, comfort to the band Blackstone Valley Bluegrass.

Blackstone Valley Bluegrass are four very talented musicians who have been together for over 12 years. They are quite popular throughout New England and have their roots from around the area.



Dave Dick picking the banjo during the concert Thursday night

Watching the performance it was difficult to tell who was having more fun the crowd or the band, as they definitely enjoy what they do. As the crowd sipped cool drinks and snacked on baked goods that were provided in the rear of the cafeteria at the Senior Center, the band quickly ripped through their collection of music. All of the band members play more than one instrument and their three and four part harmonies were excellent.

Frontman* Dave Dick, originally from Sutton, plays a mean banjo and guitar and sang lead for most of the songs*. He was ably backed with some smooth guitar and dobro playing by his brother, Bob and the band was rounded out with Danny Nowlan on mandolin and vocals and the big talented bass player Ken Taylor who also sings.



The band interjected some humor as well as Dick told the story of his inspiration for his song "Black Dog at Night" before Taylor broke into a nice version of "Make or Break Harbor". Then they played an uptempo version of the Karla Bonoff song, "Home", leading into a wonderful instrumental version of the "Devil's Dreams." The band did themselves proud by doing a version of the Vince Gill, Allison Krause and Union Station's "High Lonesome Sound" which was the highlight of the show before finishing with "Born to be with You."

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***BVBB Note:** The writer of this article only saw a small portion of our show. We all sing and really don't have a specific "frontman" as we all grab the mike and manage to embarrass ourselves!!