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BIG DADDY AND THE BAND — Big Daddy Dupree and the Broke and Hungry Blues Band is scheduled to play Milford Fest from 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. May 26. This will be the band's second appearance at the festival. Pictured from left are Rob Johnson, Gary Jones, Greg Carpenter, Big Daddy Dupree, Cody Richart, Scott Campell, Donn May and Bernie Wilson. (Photo provided)

Big Daddy Dupree to play Milford Fest again

When Big Daddy Dupree left the south side of Chicago for Leesburg in 2007, he brought with him the blues.

Big Daddy, also known as Paul Kornfeind, rounded up seven other local musicians with experience in blues music and the group now tours the region as Big Daddy Dupree and the Broke and Hungry Blues Band.

The band's next gig is to headline Milford Fest for the second year in a row. Big Daddy Dupree is scheduled to take the stage at 5:30 p.m. May 26 with his band members Scott Cambell, Cody Richart, Gregg Carpenter, Donn May, Gary Jones, Bernie Wilson and Rob Johnson

"Milford is a great American city full of great Americans who love and appreciate the blues"

Big Daddy said. "Last year the crowd really got into our music ... we enjoyed playing outdoors and the festival atmosphere that surrounded us."

While most of the band is from the region, May, guitarist, is playing his hometown stage.

"I've always liked playing around home," he said. "I look forward to the fun part of getting out and seeing all the people in town. You don't see them all year. In the winter time they're all hibernating and in the summer they're gone."

Festival organizers recognized what a hit the band was last year and scheduled Big Daddy Dupree to play through 9 p.m.

The band will play blues sing-a-longs such as "Mustang Sally," "Hey Bartender" and "Born in

Chicago." They will also play renditions of traditional blues classics, including "Sweet Home Chicago."

May said the crowd gets into the music regardless of what song is playing.

"It's fun to watch the little kids and older people alike tapping their feet," he said. "We just like to have a good time."

Big Daddy said the band has been working non-stop to prepare for Saturday's event and was thrilled to be invited back for a second year.

"Somebody should warn the fire department because Big Daddy and the Broke and Hungry Blues Band are coming to burn up the town with their red hot Chicago-style blues explosion," Big Daddy said