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Kyle Sprague, 8, creates spray paint art at the Lamb Arts Fest in Hopewell Oct. 1, 2022. KRISTI K. HIGGINS/PROGRESS-INDEX.COM

Lamb Arts Fest in Hopewell takes place Oct. 4

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In downtown Hopewell, the free community celebration of the arts takes place Oct. 4 in the 200 block of

East Broadway. At the 6th annual event, there will be exhibitions, student showcases, hands-on art activities, live performances, and work by local and national artists.

The event provides a unique opportunity for the Tri-Cities community to both see art and make art together in an accessible and welcoming space.

Hopewell: 2025 Lamb Arts Fest

This year’s festival will feature the following:

- Interactive art-making led by Lamb Arts, local organizations, and regional partners — including opportunities to paint, print, build and create take-home works of art.

- Collaborative art making led by professional artists and partner organizations – visitors can add their touch to public art pieces in the community.

- Live music and performances, including the Appomattox Regional

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Marching bands on exhibit at Thomas Dale

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Chesterfield County Public Schools invites the community to the fall marching band exhibition at Thomas Dale High School. Every Chesterfield County high school will be featured at the annual event with free admission on Oct. 6.

The event begins at 6:25 p.m. in Thomas Dale’s stadium in Chester. Attendees will experience the bold sounds and precision moves of drumlines, brass and woodwinds alongside the beautiful choreography of color guards as 10 halftime shows march across the field.

This year’s marching band exhibition will begin with the national anthem performed by band students from Carver, Elizabeth Davis, Falling Creek and Matoaca middle schools.

Virginia State University’s Trojan Explosion Marching Band, known as “The Best Band in the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association,” will close out the high-energy evening with a special performance.

Chesterfield County: 2025 marching band exhibition performance order

- Meadowbrook Roaring Regiment
- Bird Skyhawk Marching Band
- Manchester Marching Lancers
- Matoaca Marching Warriors
- Monacan Marching Chiefs
- James River Regiment
- Cosby Titan Band
- Midlothian Trojan Marching Band
- Clover Hill Marching Cavaliers
- Thomas Dale Marching Knights

Thomas Dale High School is located at 3626 W. Hundred Road in Chester. The rain date for the marching band exhibition is Oct. 13.

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Cool deal for Chesterfield; refrigeration company plans expansion

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A Georgia-based manufacturer of retail food refrigeration containers is planning a \$20 million expansion of its south Chesterfield County plant, company and state officials announced Sept. 29.

Dover Food Retail will expand its Hillphoenix facility on Ruffin Mill Road to relocate manufacturing operations of

its other brand, Anthony, from Los Angeles. The expansion is expected to create more than 300 new jobs in the area.

Dover said in a statement that the move will add “all-new, state-of-the-art equipment” to the factory, expand research and development, and establish a distribution center for a new retail parts hub.

“This investment will build upon our strong foundation of Dover Food Retail’s U.S.-based manufacturing capabilities, building on our commitment to deliver-

ing exceptional products to our customers and maintaining our position as the innovation leaders in the industry,” Dover President Paul Sindoni said in a statement.

In the same statement, Gov. Glenn Youngkin called the move from California to Virginia “an incredible endorsement of the Commonwealth as a hub for advanced manufacturing.”

Based in Conyers, Georgia, Dover Food Retail is a subsidiary of Dover Corp., headquartered in Downers Grove,

Illinois. It employs more than 3,000 workers worldwide and has locations throughout the United States, Europe and Asia.

In addition to Hillphoenix and Anthony, the company also manufactures the AMS brand of retail refrigerators. Most of its customers are supermarkets and convenience stores.

The Hillphoenix facility in Chesterfield was opened in 1995 and encompasses more than 450,000 square feet of space.

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