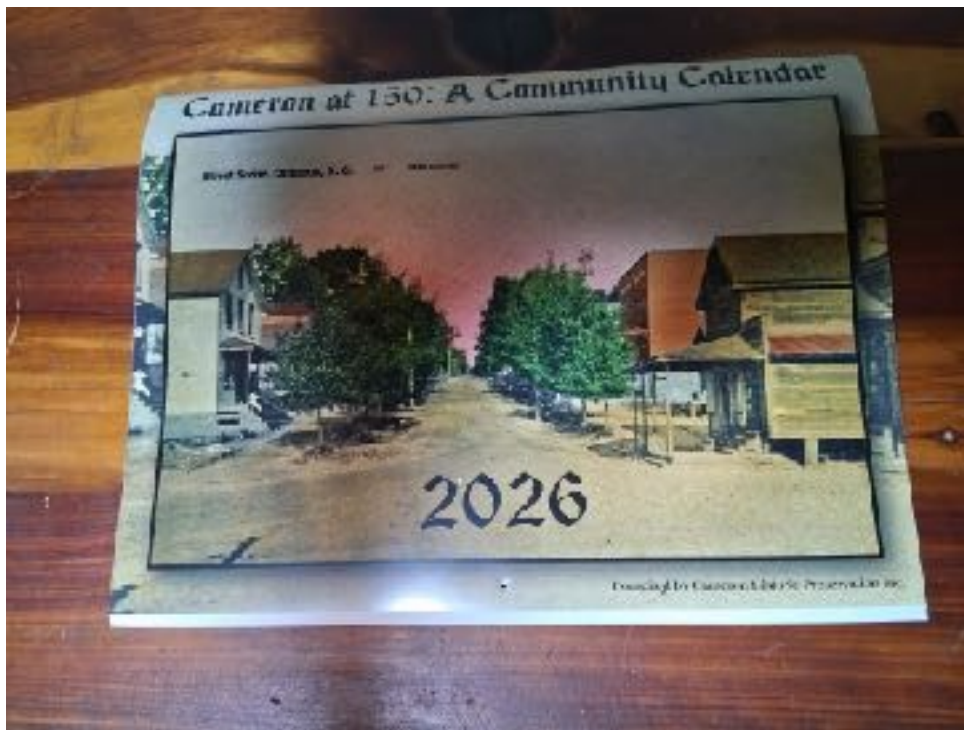


YourCameronConnection

February2026

Fund-RaisingCalendarCaptures HistoricCameronScenes



Thecalendar'sfrontcover depictsCameron'smain streetin1y31.Theback cover reproduces a survey map of the town from 1y0y.

It'snottoolatetokeeptrackof2026withimagesfromCameron'srichhistory, gatheredinauniquecalendarbynonprofitCameronHistoricPreservation,Inc.The calendarmemorializesCameron's150thanniversaryasatown.Eachpagefeatures reproductionsofphotos,somefromthepersonalrecordsoflocalfamilies,depictinglong- agoscenesfromthetown'slife.You'llseeprominentcitizensaschildren,workers harvestingandpackingdewberries,localmerchantsinstoresthathavesincebecome antiqueshops,andanearly-1900swood-burninglocomotivefromtheRandolph& Cumberlandrailroadthatenabledthetown'sbecomingDewberryCapitaloftheWorld.

Thecalendarisavailablefor\$20atTownHallandwillalsobeofferedatCHP'sApril18 fundraiserandatthespringantiquestreetfairinMay.ProceedswillbenefitCHP'sefforts topreservethetown'sheritage.Residentswhohaveaphototoshareforfuture communitycalendarsareurgedtocontactTownHallorCHPat cameronhistoricpreservation@gmail.com.

Progression Plans for Dewberry Barn Event Venue

The Town Board of Commissioners met with Tom Blue, Project Engineer for the Dewberry Barn & Vineyard Event Venue, to hear recommendations for site design for the event venue as well as suggestions to consider for building design. Mr. Blue shared his recommendations as to the placement of the structure as well as recommendations for parking, noise

abatement, and an opening in the existing tree line for connectivity to Phillips Memorial Park. He had a map pointing out items and the board asked him to bring a draft of the potential structure for review to be put out for bidding by contractors.

Mr. Blue is drawing a set of plans for review to move forward.

Easter Egg Hunt!! Supplies Needed



Children aged two through nine are invited to an Easter egg hunt at 10 a.m. at Phillips Memorial Park on Saturday, March 28. There will be a chance to meet the Easter Bunny, as well as other activities. Bring your basket!

Supplies needed: plastic eggs, empty or pre-filled; individually wrapped candy or small prizes, e.g. stickers. Drop donations at Town Hall by March 20

**Meet at Town Hall on
Saturday, April 11 at 8 a.m.
for Clean Up Cameron Day!**

**WE CARE
NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN UP**



**OUR COMMUNITY
LET'S MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**



Many residents celebrated the arrival of 2026 by attending the December 31 Dewberry Drop at the elementary school and enjoying soup and fellowship afterwards in the cafeteria. Above, Nancy Hillmer and Dean Thomas.

Cameron Donates Christmas Lights to Hot Springs



Hot Springs, a western North Carolina town still struggling to recover from the devastation of Hurricane Helene, got some Christmas cheer before the holiday from Cameron in the form of still functional Christmas lights that have been replaced by the current snowflakes. Hot Springs maintenance technicians Jeremy Trantham (left), Lisa Paschal, Mayor of Town of Cameron and Justin Wood (right) loaded up the lights with help from Cameron Maintenance Technician Dean Thomas.

2025 Christmas Parade



Sarah Queen drove her pony, Moonie (upper left); Wallace Hendrick was a convincing Santa (upper right); Cameron Elementary students led the parade (lower left; Bobby and Jennifer Black's 1946 Dodge pickup starred among the parade's antique vehicles. *Photos by Wendy Butner*



MarkYourCalendar.....

February

February 3 - Historic Preservation
Commission Meeting, Town Hall, 5:30pm
February 10 - Planning Board Meeting, Town
Hall, 6:30pm
February 14 – Happy Valentine’s Day
February 24 - Town Board Meeting, Town
Hall, 6:30pm

March

March 3 - Historic Preservation Commission
Meeting, Town Hall, 5:30pm
March 8 – Daylight Savings Time Begins
March 10 - Planning Board Meeting, Town
Hall, 6:30pm
March 17 – Saint Patrick’s Day
March 20 – First Day of Spring
March 24 - Town Board Meeting, Town Hall,
6:30pm

Looking Ahead: Spring Dates to Save

- * April 11 - Clean Up Cameron Day
- * April 18 – Cameron Historic Preservation
Annual Fundraiser
- * May 1-2, Spring Antique Street Fair

*CHP’s Annual Spring Fundraiser on
April 18 will feature live music from 1-7
pm in the vacant lot beside the post
office. More information coming soon!*

You can now register to monitor your
water usage through Eye on Water with the
recent change to new water meters.
This system can check for leaks and help keep
your utility costs down. See the
enclosed notice for registering instructions.
Note: You’ll need your account number

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to assist in
locking the gate to the park each evening. If
interested, please contact Town Hall at
c10-245-3212 or
cameronnc@townofcameron.com.**

We Love Our Farmers—Sunday, February 15, 2–5pm

Join us Sunday, February 15th from 2–
5pm as James Creek Cider House hosts a
Valentine’s-inspired celebration we’re recalling
“We Love Our Farmers.” Our community
has deep agricultural roots, and this event is
our way of saying thank you to the farmers
who help put food on our tables—and cider in our
glasses.

Come meet and mingle with local farmers,
enjoy **charcuterie** on us, and sip ciders made
with our apples, peaches, and locally sourced
fruits. **Ty’s Uptown Grill** will be on site from 1–
6pm to keep everyone well fed.

It’s a relaxed afternoon of appreciation,
community, and cider, and we’d love to see you
there.

Water Bill Postage Surcharge Coming

Beginning with January 2026 Utility
Billing, there will be a \$2 fee for mailed
paper bills. Each year the Town spends
more than \$1700 on postage alone.
You can save the \$2 by providing your
email address to Town Hall, enabling
your monthly statement to be emailed
instead of mailed through USPS.

Join the Sunshine List!

To stay connected and informed
about town happenings, provide
your email to Town Hall. You will
automatically receive meeting
agendas and other information.

Yard Debris Pickup Suspended

Yard debris pickup is suspended annually
October 1 - April 1 to allow residents to burn.....
Elderly and disabled residents please contact
Town Hall to request an exemption.