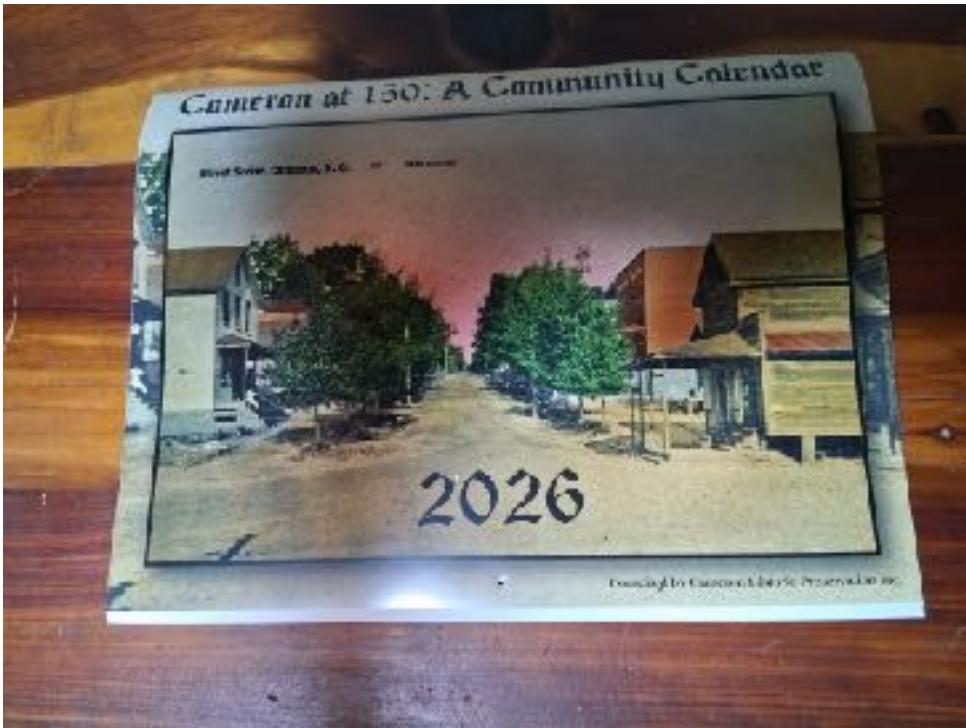


# Your Cameron Connection

## February 2026

### Fund-Raising Calendar Captures Historic Cameron Scenes



*The calendar's front cover depicts Cameron's main street in 1931. The back cover reproduces a survey map of the town from 1909.*

It's not too late to keep track of 2026 with images from Cameron's rich history, gathered in a unique calendar by non-profit Cameron Historic Preservation, Inc. The calendar memorializes Cameron's 150th anniversary as a town. Each page features reproductions of photos, some from the personal records of local families, depicting long-ago scenes from the town's life. You'll see prominent citizens as children, workers harvesting and packing dewberries, local merchants in stores that have since become antiques shops, and a nearly-1900s wood-burning locomotive from the Randolph & Cumberland railroad that enabled the town's becoming Dewberry Capital of the World.

The calendar is available for \$20 at Town Hall and will also be offered at CHP's April 18 fundraiser and at the spring antique street fair in May. Proceeds will benefit CHP's efforts to preserve the town's heritage. Residents who have a photo to share for future community calendars are urged to contact Town Hall or CHP at [cameronhistoricpreservation@gmail.com](mailto:cameronhistoricpreservation@gmail.com).

## Progress on 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.

# CameronDonatesChristmasLightstoHotSprings



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



# Mark Your Calendar.....

## 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

## 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.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to assist in locking the gate to the park at the evening. If interested, please contact Town Hall at 910-245-3212 or cameronnc@townofcameron.com.**