

Your Cameron Connection

August 2026

“Our Goal is What’s Best for the Child”— Meet Cameron Elementary’s New Principal

Matt Glendenning, the new Principal at Cameron Elementary School, has known he wanted to be a teacher since fifth or sixth grade. “I had a couple of really good teachers who inspired me.”

A Pennsylvania native, Matt grew up north of Philadelphia. He attended Penn State and soon after graduation began dating Courtney, a classmate and fellow education major. Teaching jobs in Pennsylvania were scarce but on a visit to her brother at Fort Bragg, Courtney realized there were positions open in North Carolina. She and Matt, engaged by then, both ended up with positions at West End Elementary School. “We absolutely love Moore County. Our boys Camden (age four) and Carter (age five) were born here. They went to Vass-Lakeview preschool and Carter will start kindergarten there this fall. As it happens, Courtney has just been named Assistant Principal at Vass/Lakeview.

Matt’s transition from classroom to front office took place while he was teaching at Aberdeen’s Southern Middle School a few years ago. “The Principal there, along with Courtney, encouraged me to think about



administration. I got my Master’s degree in Administration while I was teaching, then was assistant principal there for two years.”

The appeal of Administration, he says, is an opportunity to influence more students. “I’ve also come to love developing relationships with staff members and teachers. Sitting behind a desk is not me; it’s about getting out and being involved with the students. We have 210 or 220 kids here [at Cameron] and my goal is to know all their names.” He holds up the school yearbook. “I’ve been paging through it.” His goal for interaction with parents? “Honest, open communication. Our goal is what’s best for the child.”

The school year begins August 26. “Before that,” Matt says, “we’ll have a ‘Meet the Principal’ event here at the school on Thursday, August 6th from 5 to 6:30 p.m.”



Town Board Lowers Property Tax Rate

At its most recent meeting, the Town Board of Commissioners voted to lower the property tax rate to .555 cents per \$100 valuation the lowest rate since 2005.

Commissioners also voted to keep the solid waste pickup fee at \$12 per month.

Due to the cost of infrastructure—operating equipment such as lines, pipes, valves, pumps, and filters, there was a slight increase in water rates. The base rate increased \$ 1.43 month and the consumption rate for in-town residents increased \$.65 per 1,000 gallons. The rate for out-of- town residents increased \$ 1.08 per 1,000 gallons.

Something for Everyone!

Mr. Terry Robinson (below) has opened TJ's New & Used Thrift Store adjacent to the Cash Mart convenience store and gas station on Carthage Street. His merchandise, much of it new, includes everything from shoes

and clothing to bicycles and plumbing fixtures. Business hours will be 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Thursday and Friday, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.



New Planning Board Member



Chad Bigford (here being sworn in by Town Manager Wendy Butner) was appointed to serve on the Planning Board as an ETJ member at the July 14 Board meeting. His term runs through July 2029.

July Fourth Decorating Contest Results

Congratulations to Mike and Donna Thomason for being the First-Place winners of the July Fourth decorating contest!

Second place went to Wes and Deanna Davis and third place to Don and Marcia Good, with Steven and Annie Hussey receiving Honorable Mention; thanks to all those to showed their patriotic pride.



First Tee Begins Sodding

Courtney Stiles, Executive Director of First Tee - Sandhills, announced that sodding of the organization's Cameron site would begin July 15.

Her July 14 press release said: "Thanks to the generosity of those who have provided us with gifts of time, talent and treasures over the last twenty months we will begin sodding in Cameron tomorrow!"



Plantings of native flowers brighten Town Hall (above) thanks to the efforts of Commissioner Marcia Korver, who planned and planted the beds, waters them regularly and has provided identifying placards.

Support the Farmer's Market

Visit the Dewberry & Co. Farmer's Market on Saturday from 8 to 10 a.m. at the corner of Carthage and Carter Streets for locally grown flowers and produce, crafts, and bakery goodies.



HOUSE FIRE RELIEF

Donation Drive

A local family has experienced the devastating loss of their home due to a house fire. We are collecting donations to help them rebuild and replace everyday essentials.

DONATIONS NEEDED

KITCHEN ITEMS	FOOD DONATIONS	BATHROOM SUPPLIES	HOUSEHOLD ESSENTIALS
 • Pots and pans • Cooking utensils • Silverware • Dish towels • Dish rags • Kitchen gadgets and supplies	 • Non-perishable foods • Canned goods • Dry foods (pasta, rice, cereal, etc.) • Snacks and pantry items	 • Bath towels • Washcloths • Hand towels • Toiletries • Toilet paper • Cleaning supplies	 • Blankets • Bedding • Laundry supplies • Storage containers • General household items

Every donation, big or small, will make a difference as this family begins the journey of rebuilding their lives.

DONATION DROP-OFF LOCATION:
CAMERON TOWN HALL BUILDING

DROP-OFF DATES/TIMES:
JULY 27 TO 31

FOR QUESTIONS, CONTACT:
MESSAGE CAMERON ELEMENTARY PTA PAGE

TOGETHER WE CAN HELP THIS FAMILY REBUILD.

Thank you for your kindness, generosity, and support during this difficult time.

Mark Your Calendar.....

August

August 4, Historic Preservation Commission Meeting, Town Hall, 5:30pm
August 11, Planning Board Meeting, Town Hall, 6:30pm
August 25, Town Board Meeting, Town Hall, 6:30pm
August 26 – First Day of School

September

September 1, Historic Preservation Commission Meeting, Town Hall, 5:30pm
September 7 – Labor Day
September 8, Planning Board Meeting, Town Hall, 6:30pm
September 22, Town Board Meeting, Town Hall, 6:30pm



Yard Debris Reminder: Curbside pickup of yard debris resumed April 1. Please remember that ALL loose leaves (including pinecones) must be bagged or in a container for pickup. Loose leaves, grass clippings, pine straw and/or pinecones will NOT be picked up. ALL items MUST be contained. Trash cans are available through Town Hall for collection of yard debris items; residents should contact Town Hall to schedule delivery of one.

THERE WILL BE NO YARD DEBRIS PICKUP AUGUST 3- AUGUST 7



GFL is requesting trash cans be placed three feet away from any structure—tree, mailbox, etc—to allow the arm on the truck to reach the can without interference, handles should face the house. All carts are to be pulled back in by 9pm on collection day.

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.

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

Water Bill Postage Surcharge

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.