

# Quality of Life



There are many reasons why people find Bolivar County such a great place to call home. In fact, Cleveland, Bolivar County's largest city, has been included in both editions of Norman Crampton's book, *The 100 Best Small Towns in America*, a nationwide guide to the best in small-town living.

This is a place where you find equal opportunity to get away from it all or to be in the center of vibrant activity. Less than a two hour drive to Memphis or

Jackson, the entertainment, cultural and shopping opportunities of these metropolitan areas are close at hand, while the wide-open spaces, abundant woodlands, and lakes and rivers offer the best in country life.



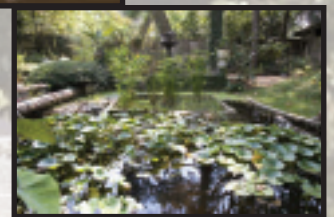
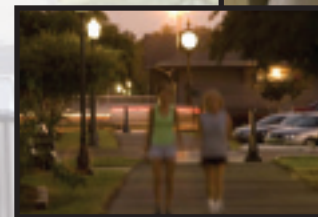
If shopping is your passion, you will be pleasantly surprised to find that Bolivar County has some of the most unique shopping experiences available anywhere. In fact, Cleveland has earned a reputation as the "Shopping Mecca of the Delta" because of the variety and number of quaint specialty shops located there. Many of Cleveland's unique shops are



found in the downtown historic district along the Green Strip and on Cotton Row, where once Delta planters brought their cotton samples to be tested, graded and sold.



Bolivar County's natural resources are second to none, offering a wealth of outdoor recreational opportunities. Because of the terrain and mild climate, public hunting and fishing areas abound, and the County's large lakes and rivers beckon boating and water sport enthusiasts. And, along the banks of the Mississippi River, you will find the 756-acre Great River Road State Park, with facilities for picnicking, camping and a 72-foot observation tower that provides breathtaking views of the Mississippi River.



Cleveland is also the home of Delta State University. As a college town, Cleveland offers exciting athletic, artistic, cultural, educational, and recreational opportunities that most communities only dream of. And, our numerous public parks offer unequalled facilities for baseball, softball, soccer, football, and tennis. The County also boasts several public and private golf courses, and Delta State University's state-of-the-art athletic complex provides world-class facilities for swimming, racquetball, indoor tennis, and basketball.