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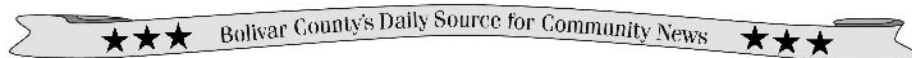
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Welcome Guide 2026

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By Jack Criss

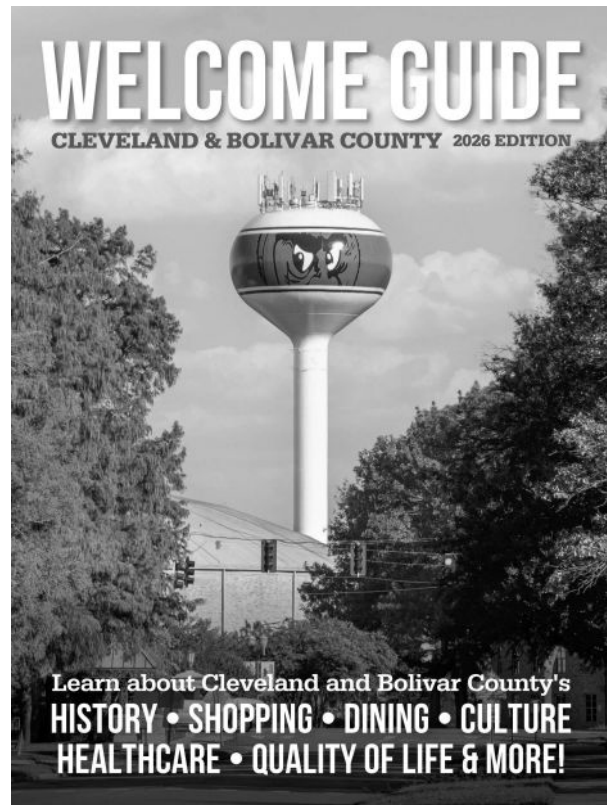
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Now in its 14th year, Coopwood Publishing Group is pleased to announce the 2026 *Welcome Guide* has been published. Available now, the 186-page publication highlights and showcases many of the destinations in and around Cleveland and throughout Bolivar County. The annual guide has become a trusted resource for visitors and residents alike who want to learn more about the rich culture, history, and attractions that make the community special.

As in past editions, the 2026 issue of *The Welcome Guide* opens with a look at the history of Bolivar County before guiding readers through the many wonderful and historic places and "must-see" stops any visitor to town would want to explore. From museums and historic landmarks to dining, shopping, and entertainment options, the guide provides helpful information for anyone planning time in the area. The

publication also highlights the unique character of Cleveland and the surrounding communities, offering readers a glimpse into what makes the Mississippi Delta such a memorable destination.

The Welcome Guide is distributed throughout Cleveland and Bolivar County and can be picked up at many local merchants as well as at the offices of the Cleveland-Bolivar County Chamber of Commerce. Each year, businesses throughout the community proudly display copies for visitors looking for helpful information about the area. The photos throughout *The Welcome Guide* are bright and colorful, showcasing the talents of many locally based photographers. Their work captures the spirit of the Delta and the beauty of the places that make Bolivar County unique.



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Boyle Development Foundation

Non profit organization aims
to improve the town

By Scott Nelson
The Bolivar Bullet



Small town America has faced many challenges over the past decades. From the mechanization of agriculture, industrial downsizing and the increase of corporate control of commercial entities, many small towns across the country have literally dried up. Happily, that is not the case for Boyle, Mississippi.

The town of approximately 500 residents located just south of Cleveland has been blessed with community leaders who share a vision and passion for making their hometown thrive. One of those leaders is Tara Utz Herrin, owner of Boyle's popular Catfish Cabin restaurant. She helped start a non profit 501-3C foundation. "Several of us got together not too long ago to purchase a couple of lighted Christmas trees for our green strip.

From there, the concept of citizens pitching in to donate and add more trees and holiday decorations along with other community improvement projects, events and partnerships was born," said Herrin. To get started, she went to the Boyle city board to share the idea and the foundation was launched. Currently, the foundation's board members are Tara Utz Herrin-President, Kris Yeager Prewitt-Vice President, Lisa Regan Roark-Secretary/Treasurer, Susan Sizemore and Tabitha Estes Butler.

"Today, we are helping with several community improvement projects. Our donors can use the amount they contribute for a tax write off so it benefits all parties," she added. Herrin is pleased to note the various activities the foundation helps sponsor such as fundraisers, raffles, and the overall marketing of the town. She is especially pleased the foundation helps support the annual Peavine festival. She remarked, "Our town's barbecue festival, scheduled this year for April 17th and 18th, is affiliated with the well known Memphis Barbecue Network. As such, we get a strong group of

contestants.” Herrin also notes the festival offers food trucks, live entertainment, arts and crafts and a variety of children’s activities.

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A Visit From The Smithsonian

Digital curation conversations in the Delta

By Lyndsi Naron

The Bolivar Bullet

When Paul Springer Jr. began the Robert S. Smith Fellowship for public history graduates, he knew he wanted to dig into his families genealogy in the Mississippi Delta.

Springer is a graduate of Fisk University. He obtained his master's degree in public history from Middle Tennessee State University and was admitted to the Fellowship soon after graduating.

"The goal of the fellowship is to position early career, public history professionals," said Springer. "For my fellowship project, because the Smith Center focuses on community curation, I wanted to do a community curation program from where my folks were from, which is Gunnison."

While he didn't originally plan to involve the Smithsonian more than necessary, once Springer dug in to the history of his family he noticed some inconsistencies that needed to be remedied.

"What I really wanted to do was figure out where I'm from and learn a little bit more about my great grandfather who passed away in 2017," said Springer. "Then learn a little bit about my family's history. My entire family was raised there. All of my maternal family pretty much graduated from Rosedale High School."

Springer set out "to create an intergenerational conversation" amongst the people of the Delta through oral history interviews.

"I got to interview my aunt, my great aunt, and my grandmother," said Springer. "I got to talk to so many elders in the community."

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Springer



D. Williams



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THURS. 7:00 PM - closed meeting. **FRI. 6:00 PM** - closed meeting.

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Seated: Roberta Lois Ming (Shelby), May Earl Sneed (Pontotoc), Francis L. Shelton (Lambert), Mary Elizabeth Bedwell (Cleveland), Cleone Wilson Tranum (French Camp), and Cora Charlotte Ervin (Cleveland)

Not pictured: Lottie Mae Nichols (Pace)

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Every First Tuesday

Cleveland Caregiver Support Group Meeting
5:30 p.m. @ Performance Therapy, 1321 Hwy 8 West

Every Second Tuesday

Glen Crosby Unit 165 American Legion Auxiliary Monthly Meeting
12:00 noon @ The American Legion Hut

Every Wednesday

Family Dinner & Kids Jam
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March 13 @ 6:30 p.m., March 14 @ 2:30 p.m., March 20 @ 6:30 p.m.
@ DSU Wiley Planetarium

March 19

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8:00 p.m. @ DSU Coliseum

March 21

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@ Andrew McQueen, Jr. Civic Center, Greenwood

Alumni Association Pet Parade

11:00 a.m. @ DSU Quadrangle

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Planetarium Show

March 23 and 26 @ 6:30 p.m., March 27 @ 6:00 & 7:30 p.m.

@ DSU Wiley Planetarium

March 27

Alumni Association Service Awards

6:00 p.m. @ DSU Kent Wyatt Hall

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April 9

Kansas

7:30 p.m. @ BPAC

April 11

Delta State Golf's Dunning Cup

9:00 a.m. @ Cleveland Country Club

Centennial Under the Stars

6:00 p.m. @ Parker-McCool Football Stadium

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April 14

Magic School Bus

6:00 p.m. @ BPAC

April 21

Taj Mahal
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April 23

DSU Bolivar County Alumni Chapter Crawfish Boil
5:30 p.m. @ Hugh Ellis Walker Alumni House Parking Lot
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April 23-24

"Birth of Planet Earth" Planetarium Show
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