Ellinwood, Kansas
A ByWay Community

Ellinwood KS 67526

Surprise! That was the first emotion German immigrants felt when they arrived in Ellinwood in the 1870’s. They had been promised Paradise, but in this prairie paradise there were no trees and the blowing winds were a constant. Today, Ellinwood is a tribute to the determination of those German settlers. It’s a postcard for small town America with tree-lined brick streets where families ride bikes after supper & kids safely roam the town.

Population: 1997
Newspaper: Ellinwood Leader
Web Site: www.EillinwoodChamber.com
Facebook: GetEllinwood

“Around 1880, when the Santa Fe Trail was booming, Ellinwood had 600 German residents and 11 saloons. Nine of those saloons were located in the tunnels that ran under the entire downtown area. On a regular basis wagon trains, cowboys, & railroad workers moved through Ellinwood. They wanted a bath, a shave, some “company” and some Wolf Brewery beer or schnaps. It was a party town.”

~Bill Starr Ellinwood Tunnel Tour

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Events & Attractions

• Signature Festival: After Harvest Festival
  Three Days of Celebration/Third Weekend of July

• Things To See And Do
  Tour the Ellinwood Tunnels Cowboys & Soiled Doves
  Shop at the 1894 Hotel Wolf Bill Starr Antiques
  Picnic at Wolf Park or Wolf Pond
  Stroll Main Street Brick Streets, German Ironwork
  Stay & Play Ringering Camp Ground & Nature Walk
  Visit Historic St. Peter & Paul Church
  Antique Until You Drop! Six Shops on Main Street
  Step on the Santa Fe Trail 1st Great Commercial Highway
  Camp in Ellinwood RV Hookups - Wolf Pond & City Park
  View Panning Sinkhole 4 Acre Hole Appeared in 1959

• Notable People
  Adrianna Dierolf Saved the Tunnels from Destruction
  The Wolf Family Wolf Brewery, Ice House, Mills
  Bill Starr Antique Dealer, Tunnel Owner & Tour Guide

• Local Food
  Farmer's Market Bierocks, Bread, Fresh Produce
  Dozier Winery Sand Hill Plum, Jalapeno & Ice Wines
  Ellinwood Packing Quality Meats & Cheese. Fresh & Local
  Mama T's Salsas Spicy Treat Made in Ellinwood

“Ellinwood is a live town containing about 600 inhabitants, 4/5ths of whom are Germans. It is almost a German town exclusively and everything is conducted according to German ideas.”

~ William G. Cutler
History of Kansas 1883

“Boating on Wolf Pond, 1890

"This afternoon we visited the Underground Tunnels in Ellinwood, Kansas. In the 1800s this small Kansas town was a happening place above ground and below. Beneath the sidewalks were tunnels that led to a variety of stores, bath houses and saloons."

~ Patsy Terrell
Journalist, Baker, Blogger, Devotee of the simple bits in the day that make up a life www.patsyterrell.com

“If Ellinwood is the Taj Mahal, the Wetlands are our reflecting pools.”

~ Robin Proffit, Ellinwood KS

Good Beer.
Good Singing.
Good Times.

~ Maencherchor Slogan
Men's German Chorus & Drinking Club, Ellinwood, KS 1870