

Ellinwood, Kansas

A Byway Community



Ellinwood, Kansas 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 is a postcard for small town America with tree lined brick streets where families ride bikes after supper and kids safely roam the town.

Population: 2114 (2013 Census)
Newspaper: Ellinwood Leader
Website: www.ellinwoodchamber.com

“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, and railroad workers moved through Ellinwood. They wanted a bath, a shave, some “company”, and some Wolf Brewery beer or schnapps. It was a party town.”

-Bill Starr – Ellinwood Tunnel Tour

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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.
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-William G. Cutler
History of Kansas 1883



Wolf Pond, 1890

“This afternoon we visited the underground tunnels in Ellinwood, Kansas. In the 1800s, this small 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

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 and Soiled Doves Picnic at Wolf Park or Wolf Pond
Stroll Main Street – Brick Streets and German Ironwork
Get a Good Night's Rest – Historic Wolf Hotel
Visit Historic St. Peter and Paul Church
Antique Until You Drop – Antique Shops on Main Street
Step on the Santa Fe Trail - 1st Great Commercial HWY
Camp at Wolf Pond – RV Hookups Available
View Panning Sinkhole – 4 Acre Hole Appeared in 1959
- **Notable People**
Adrianna Dierolf – Saved the Tunnels from Destruction
Wolf Family – Wolf Brewery, Ice House, Mills
- **Local Food**
American Legion – Monday Night Specials, Bierocks
Ellinwood Packing
Quality Meats and Cheese, Fresh and Local
Farmer's Market – Bierocks, Bread, Fresh Produce
Lone Wolf – Restaurant and Catering

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

-Robin Proffit, Ellinwood Resident

*Good Beer.
Good Singing.
Good Times.*

-Maenerchor Slogan
Men's German Chorus and Drinking Club
Ellinwood, 1870

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