

# 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.EllinwoodChamber.com](http://www.EllinwoodChamber.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."

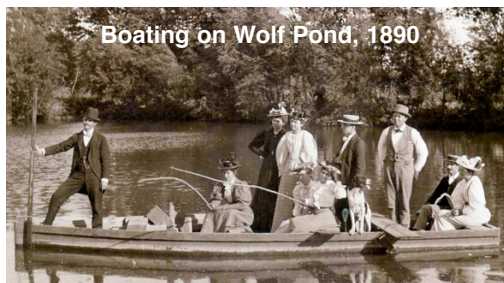
~Bill Starr Ellinwood Tunnel Tour

### 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 Ringing 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



"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](http://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.*

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