

Claflin, Kansas

A ByWay Community



Claflin KS 67525

This small town sits at the geographic center of the state of Kansas. Its geology boasts a legendary vein of limestone, an internationally important wetland for migratory birds, and steadily producing oil fields. Day-to-day life mixes hard working farmers and hard living oilmen with shoppers who drive long distances to experience Claflin's specialty Main Street, now completely dedicated to the retail sale of furniture.

Website: www.ClaflinKansas.com
Population: 633

"The roughnecks who drilled the early oil wells around Claflin worked hard & enjoyed a good prank. When local farmers showed up on Sunday afternoons to watch the well, the crew thoughtfully had chairs waiting for them. The electric shock they got was just a bonus!"

*~From the Claflin Storytelling Session
September, 2010*

Events & Attractions

• Things To See And Do

Visit WPA Post Rock Bridges National Historic Register
Read the Message Barrel Low-Tech Facebook
Cheer at a Claflin Wildcats Basketball Game
Picnic at City Park Bailey's Food Bin for supplies
Stand at State Center Geographic Center of KS
Shop for Furniture - Miller's of Claflin Main Street
Play a Round - Claflin Golf Club Founded 1943
See 1st Producing Oil Well in Barton County
Walk the Nature Trail at Camp Aldrich
Perch on a Pew Limestone Dubuque Church
Gaze at the Windows Odin's Limestone Church

• Notable People

Volunteer Fire Department & EMS
Serving Claflin for 50 years 1961-2011
Jackie Stiles - Basketball Star
NCAA Division One - All Time High Scorer
WNBA Rookie of the Year 2001
Walter J. Hickel
Former Governor of Alaska & US Secretary of the Interior
J.W. Miller & The Miller Family
Miller's of Claflin, established 1903

• Local Food

Church Suppers The Real Taste of Claflin

"Basketball needed places like Claflin during the sport's infancy. It was a country game that was well-suited for the wide-open spaces of the state. It fit the seasonal routine of farming in the fall and then finding other activities during the harsh winters."

*~ Kent Babb
The Kansas City Star
03/06/2010*

If You Can't Stop, Smile As You Go By.

~ Sign on the Highway Just Outside of Claflin

"Cards are played every day except Sunday at Wildcat Pump & Supply at 6:45 a.m. -- prior to everyone's workday."

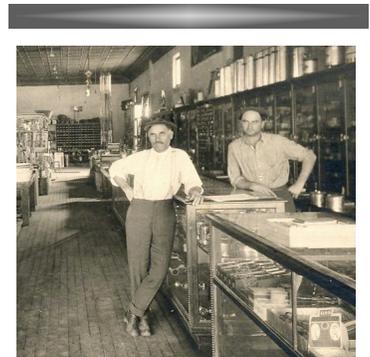
~ClaflinKansas.com

In 1920 the Pastime Club was formed by "older men" to play daily pitch & pinochle. The tradition continues to this day in Claflin, KS.

"CLAFLIN, KS - Rumor has it that oil-field backhoe worker James Bortz, 71, can pick up a dime in his bucket, or load an egg without breaking it."

~ Clara Kilbourn

The Hutchinson News, 02/18/09
James Bortz celebrates 44 years working the oilfields around Claflin, KS.



Inside the original Miller's of Claflin. They carried everything from baby beds to windmills.