

Stadium Stop
Baileyville 51, Hanover 6



There is probably aren't two teams which know each other better than these two schools. Year after year, these schools pretty much play each other to end the other's season. Last season, Baileyville up ended Hanover in football in two outcomes once in the regular season overtime thriller then the Falcons hit the accelerator in a sub-state final game to go on as eventual state champion. Hanover on the other hand got the better part of Baileyville in basketball getting the hat trick knocking off the Falcons three times last season.

These two schools have banners all over their gymnasium having solid athletic programs in previous and continue to do so throughout their school years. There are 17 Total State Championships between these two 1A/8-man powers: Baileyville has nine titles and Hanover has 8. Both schools have had their share of runs. Hanover won two back-to-back basketball titles then doing the same in football in 2008 and 2009. Baileyville has 3 football titles (1979, 2008, 2010) Boys' Basketball 1993; Girls Basketball 1991 and 1999; Girls Track and Field 2004 and 2005. Hanover has 3 football titles (1979, 2008, 2009) and a lone Girls' title in volleyball in 1979.

Hanover is a school district which is consisted of Barnes and Linn (a separate school) roughly 25 miles to the southwest. Several times schools maybe separate but only have one district. Some other examples given is Central Plains school district 112 of the new Claflin-Quivira Heights consolidation and Wilson is one school district. This means they share busing, superintendents and faculty most of the time.

Hanover is a community which consists of German heritage. According to the Historical Atlas of Kansas there are two large German groups which migrated into Kansas in 1890, German-Russian Catholics were located into the majority of Ellis County around the Hays area. Then the German Lutherans congregated in Marshall and Washington counties. Hanover also has a beautiful native limestone church where construction began in 1878 and was completed in 1880. It's crazy to think that beautiful limestone churches throughout the state were constructed by hand and are still standing today. St. John's Catholic Church is the oldest church in the Salina Diocese and is welcome to visitors.

Hanover is also known for its “Made to Grill” Brats which are actually on the menu at Nelson’s Landing. These famous brats started in a grocery store in Hanover by Mark Stallbaumer and Coby Sedlacek both Hanover natives. These ¼ pound brats can be found throughout the state from a K-State tailgate to weekend festivals and events. These delicious brats are delicious and juicy with great flavor! For more information on these brats or to order go to www.made2grill.com.

Hanover like several towns on Highway 36 was a large part of the Pony Express. Anyone unfamiliar with the Pony Express, a quick over view was a transportation route for United States Postal Service in Early years. Hanover has a major historical site located northwest about 12 miles by a wagon trail route. Hollenberg Pony Express Station is the only unaltered station remaining in its original location and looks just the same as it did in 1857.

Back to the small town themes, there are some great people from rural areas and Hanover is a great place to live and start a family. However, rural communities are continuing to lose population throughout the state. I truly believe rural communities and schooling brings the best out in children and families. It gives a strong togetherness and really allows people to get to know each other much better. I can’t say I have ever been raised in any other setting than it, but I know I wouldn’t take back my friendships and memories for the world.



Hanover defense shuts down the high powered Falcons for a quarter before B&B cruises to a victory. defense

B&B spreads out the field more than past against the Wildcat