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"The Shooting Makes It Fun, the People Make It Special"

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**Next Scheduled Shoot:
July 3rd**



High Noon at Tusco 2021 Registration opens on July 3rd by 8pm
The Application will be on the Website!!
Only 2021 Applications will be accepted!



**In case you've been living in a cave all Spring.....
EOT for 2021 is at Paradise Pass, just
"around the corner" in Etna Green, Indiana!!**

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EOT Sneak Preview - A Short (Unofficial) Video

Popcorn Kelly put together this video...

<https://forums.sassnet.com/index.php?/topic/318259-eot-sneak-preview-a-short-unofficial-video/>

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EOT Schedule

<https://www.sassnet.com/EoT/schedulein.php>

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The Tusco Long Riders June, 2021 Monthly Shoot

1	Cheyenne Culpepper	Gunfighter	108.60	
2	Gray Hare	Wrangler	114.48	
3	Roscoe Ranger	Elder Statesman	119.27	
4	Swiss	Senior Gunfighter	120.05	
5	Stone Creek Drifter	FC Duelist	125.16	CLEAN!
6	Hooligan Howes	Gunfighter	127.60	
7	John Barleycorn	Gunfighter	131.16	CLEAN!
8	Sixgun Seamus	Classic Cowboy	135.45	CLEAN!
9	Split Rail	Frontiersman	142.24	CLEAN!
10	Cheatin Charlie	Frontiersman	144.97	CLEAN!
11	Bdoc	Lady F.C. Gunfighter	154.36	CLEAN!
12	Kid Glove	Senior	157.56	CLEAN!
13	Rye Miles	Silver Senior Duelist	158.08	CLEAN!
14	N.A. Custer	SS Gunfighter	161.13	
15	Life-R	Josey Wales	170.75	CLEAN!
16	Cayenne Kay	Classic Cowgirl	174.37	
17	Thaddeus Jones	Senior	181.45	
18	Laramie Leadslinger	SS Gunfighter	187.18	

19	Thunder Creek Kid	Pale Rider Gunfighter	188.81	
20	Moosetracks	Duelist	188.95	
21	Jesse Duke	Classic Cowboy	200.79	CLEAN!
22	Last Gun	EL Rey	201.82	
23	Plowboy	49er	202.73	
24	Muleskinner	Senior Gunfighter	205.02	
25	Bobtown Cooter	Silver Senior	205.82	
26	Old Iron Hip	Cattle Baron	217.29	
27	Prairie Dawg	Silver Senior Duelist	227.07	
28	Coffinmaker	FC Gunfighter	234.54	
29	One Eye Jack	49er	241.57	
30	Duke Hunter	49er	255.84	CLEAN!
31	Swiftwater Jack	J.W. Cattle Baron	264.70	
32	Bluestocking Belle	Lady 49er	275.35	
33	Blue Hare	Lady Duelist	292.67	
34	Willie Goodnews	FC Traditional	292.86	
35	Marshal Coal Run Willey	Elder Statesman	296.46	
36	Ace Deuce	49er	324.61	
37	Random Lee	FC Elder Statesman	324.86	CLEAN!
38	Lonesome Lill	Lady Senior	345.07	
39	Uneasy Rider	Elder Statesman	373.00	
40	DNF-Kit Coleen	Lady Duelist	1222.04	
41	Buckshot Charlie Bill	49er	49999.95	
41	Lefty Gunslinger	Young Gun Boy	49999.95	



Sad, Sad News

Folks, I am very sorry to say I have to share some terribly bad news:

One of our good cowboy friends, Tusco and Stoney Bottom shooter "Two Guns Tim", AKA Tim Tierney passed away today.

Tim was Catlow's brother -- Many of us knew him and shot with him.

His son, Rowdy Ryan (also a shooter) notified Rogues Pierre, and it has been shared on the SASSWire, and the Sandusky County Regulators FaceBook page.

I don't have any more details than that at this time.

Let's all keep Tim's wife Kris, his son Ryan, and all their family and friends in our thoughts and prayers.

Prairie Dawg's Old West Chronicles

A Compendium of Useful Information

The Hyde Park Gunfight

On August 20, 1871, one of the largest gunfights to ever take place in the American West was fought in Newton, Kansas. Known as the Hyde Park Gunfight or the Newton Massacre, the shootout claimed more lives than many more famous gunfights such as Dalton Gang Gunfight at Coffeerville, Kansas or the Gunfight at the O.K. Corral in Tombstone, Arizona.



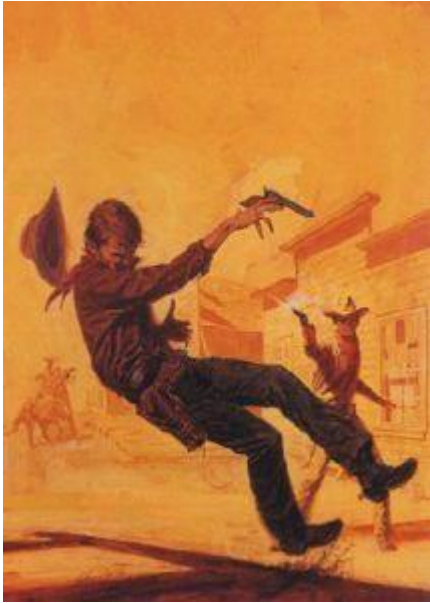
Saloon Gunfight

When the Santa Fe Railroad extended its line to Newton, Kansas in 1871, this new frontier town succeeded Abilene as the terminus of the Chisholm Trail. Like other Kansas cowtowns, Newton quickly filled up with saloons, gambling parlors, brothels, and lawless and violent men.

The whole affair began when two local lawmen by the names of Billy Bailey and Mike McCluskie argued over local politics on August 11th in the Red Front Saloon, located in downtown Newton. McCluskie, an Irishman from Ohio, and a rough man by anyone's standards, had made his way to Kansas via his employment as a Night Policeman with the Santa Fe Railroad. Shortly after his arrival, he befriended an 18-year-old man named James Riley, who was dying of tuberculosis. This is relevant, because Riley would soon play a major role in the famous gunfight that was to come. Billy Bailey was a Texas cowboy, who wound up in Newton after one of the long cattle drives.

Both men had been hired by Newton authorities as Special Policemen, to keep order in the city during the heated August elections. At that time, the fledgling city was trying to form a new

county, and who would lead these efforts, was a major debate among the locals. Though working in tandem, McCluskie and Bailey had a personality conflict from the start. Constantly arguing, the two men were in the Red Front Saloon on August 11th, and their dispute soon led to violence. Starting out as a fistfight, Bailey was knocked out of the saloon and into the dusty street. McCluskie followed, drew his pistol, and fired two shots at Bailey, hitting him in the chest. The wounded Bailey died the next day.



McCluskie immediately fled town to avoid arrest, but returned just a few days later, after he heard that the shooting would most likely be deemed self-defense.

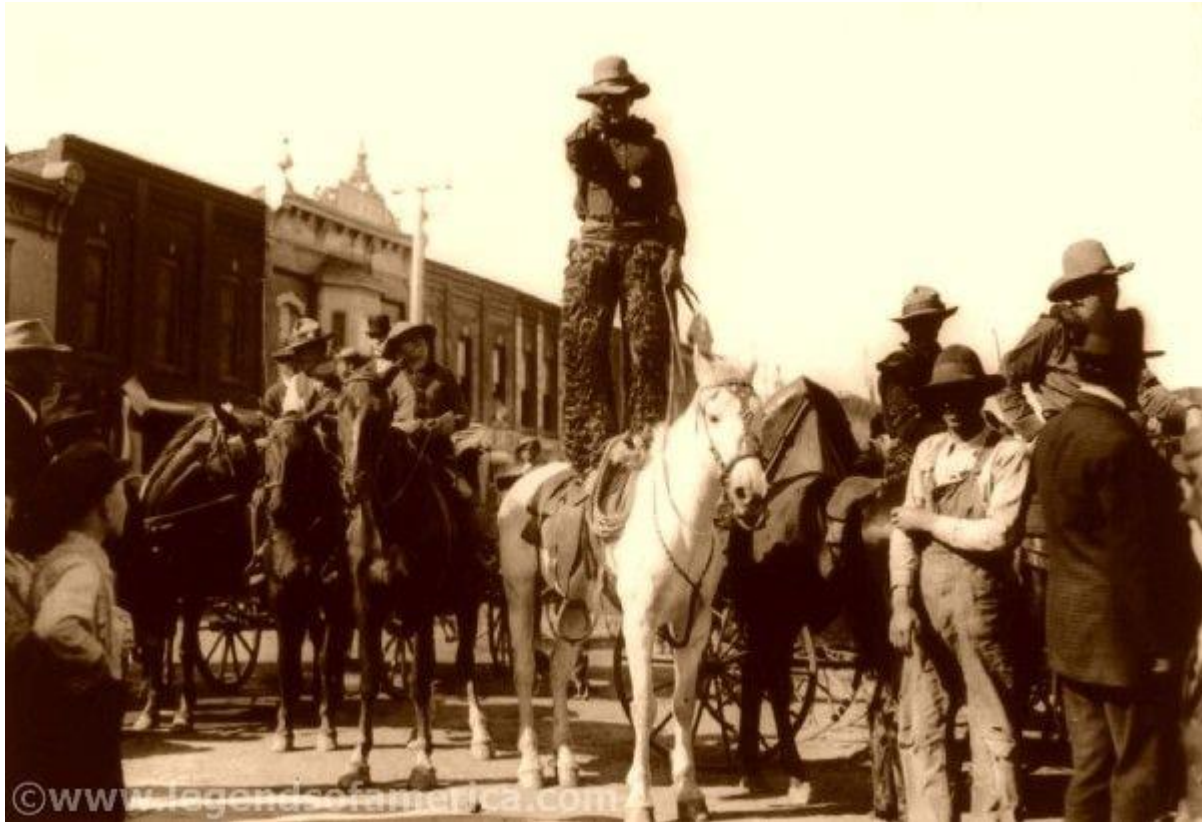
Though Bailey never produced a weapon, McCluskie claimed he feared for his life, because Bailey had been in three previous gunfights, in which he had killed two men. In the meantime, several of Bailey's Texas cowboy friends heard about his death, and vowed to take revenge against his killer. Late on the evening of August 19, 1871, McCluskie strode into Tuttle's Dance Hall, located in an area of town called Hyde Park. Accompanied by a friend named Jim Martin, a Texas cowboy, the two sat down to play faro. Already in the saloon was McCluskie's "shadow," James Riley.

After midnight, three of Bailey's Texas cowboy friends, by the names of Billy Garrett, Henry Kearnes, and Jim Wilkerson, also entered the dance hall. All were armed and Billy Garrett had a history of at least two prior gunfights, in which he killed two men. The three mingled in the saloon, waiting and watching McCluskie gamble. Soon, another Texas cowboy named Hugh Anderson, the son of a wealthy Bell County, Texas cattle rancher, also entered the dancehall, walking directly up to McCluskie and yelling, "You are a cowardly son-of-a-bitch! I will blow the top of your head off!"

Though Jim Martin jumped up and attempted to stop any violence, Anderson ignored him, and shot McCluskie in the neck. In the meantime, McCluskie tried to return the shot, but his pistol misfired, and he fell to the floor. Anderson, now standing over him, pumped several more bullets into his back. Texas cowboys, Kearnes, Garrett, and Wilkerson, also began firing, perhaps to keep the crowd back. James Riley, McCluskie's friend, then pulled his two Colt revolvers and opened fire on the Texans. Though Riley had never been in a gunfight before, and probably couldn't see in the smoke-filled room, he unloaded his guns into the melee, hitting seven men.

Jim Martin, the would-be peacemaker, took a shot in the neck before stumbling out of the saloon, and dying across the dusty street on the steps of Krum's dance hall. Texas cowboy, Billy Garrett, was shot in the shoulder and chest, and died a few hours later. His friend Henry Kearnes also took a mortal wound but hung on for a week before he died. Others, who had no part in the squabble, also took some of Riley's wild bullets. A Santa Fe Railroad brakeman named Patrick Lee was shot in the stomach and died two days later. Another Santa Fe employee named Hickey was also shot in the calf, but the wound was not serious and he

survived. Texas cowboys, Jim Wilkerson and Hugh Anderson were both wounded, but recovered.



A Newton, Kansas Cowboy

With seven men lying on the floor, young James Riley, who previous to this time had never been in trouble, simply walked out of the smoke-filled saloon and was never seen again. Later that day, a warrant was issued for the arrest of Hugh Anderson. However, his father and friends smuggled him aboard a train to Kansas City. Later he made his way back to Texas, and was never brought to trial for McCluskie's murder.

However, the whole affair was not yet over. Now, Arthur McCluskie, Mike's brother, wanted revenge against Hugh Anderson. For two years, Arthur and his friends kept a lookout for Anderson, who was safely hiding in Texas. But Anderson made the mistake of returning to Kansas in 1873, where Arthur tracked him down in Medicine Lodge. Working at Harding's Trading Post as a bartender, Arthur sent a man in on July 4, 1873, to invite Anderson to a duel — giving him the choice weapons — either guns or knives. Anderson chose pistols and soon emerged from the trading post. After both men emptied their guns into each other, they resorted to knives, and in the end, both were dead.

Though the Hyde Park Gunfight received much publicity at the time, it has received little historical attention, despite producing a higher body count than many more famous gunfights, such as Gunfight at the O.K. Corral, or the Hickok-Tutt Shootout. Perhaps this is because there were no "famous" people involved in the shoot-out.

Historical Accounts:

August 24, 1871, Abilene Chronicle

During the fracas, McCluskie received three pistol shots, any one of which would cause death. He must have exhibited great courage and bravery ere the fatal bullets pierced his body, for the barrels of his six-shooter, when picked up, were found to have been emptied of their charges. He lived but a few hours.

Another Texan, whose name we have been unable to ascertain, was also shot and killed.

As far as we have been able to learn, the names of the wounded are as follows:

Pat Lee, a brakesman on the railroad, a looker-on, in the abdomen, probably fatally;

Billy Garrett, a Texan, in the arm, slight;

_____ Hickey, a section boss on the railroad, in the calf of the leg, slight;

Jim Wilkerson, a Texan, in the nose, slight;

Henry Kearnes, in the right breast, fatal;

Hugh Anderson, the supposed instigator of the riot, thigh and leg, not serious.

The brakesman, Lee, and Kearnes, will probably die.

On Monday evening last threats were made, by many desperadoes, that in case Tom Carson, late a policeman in Abilene [under Wild Bill Hickok, city marshal], was placed upon the police force, that they would kill him. He was, however, appointed a police officer, and that evening patrolled his allotted beat as unmolested as if he were in Abilene, no disturbance whatever occurring.

Thus ends the third or fourth chapter in Newton's bloody history — a town only a little over three months old. Let its police force be strengthened by good and honest men, and all violators of the law be made to suffer the extreme penalties of its wise provisions. Then bloodshed will cease. But if the worse than beastly prostitution of the sexes is continued, and the town is controlled by characters who have no regard for virtue, decency or honor, it will not soon become fit for the abode of respectable people.



Historic Newton, Kansas

August 25, 1871, Emporia News

**Wholesale Murder At Newton.
Five Men Killed And Six Wounded.
The Jury Ordered To Leave.
The "Leading Man" Not Arrested**

On Sunday morning last [August 20] a row occurred at Newton, which resulted in the murder of two men, and the wounding of nine others, three of whom have since died from wounds received in the affray. This affair occurred in one of the sinks of iniquity near the town called a "dance house." A former resident of this town, who was at Newton, gives us the following particulars of the affair:

It seems that this murderous affair was the result of several less fatal shooting scrapes which have been happening at Newton for some weeks.

It must be borne in mind that the state of society in that town is now at its worst. The town is largely inhabited by prostitutes, gamblers and whiskey-sellers. Pistol shooting is the common amusement. All the frequenters of the saloons, gambling dens and houses of ill-fame are armed at all times, mostly with two pistols.

About two weeks ago a Captain French, from Texas, had George [or Arthur] Delany, alias Wm. [or Mike] McCluskie, a St. Louis hard case, arrested on a charge of garroting. He was tried before Esquire [C. S.] Bowman, and they failed to prove anything against him.

On the day of the election on railroad bonds, McCluskie and a man named Bailey, both of whom were on the special police, got into a difficulty about the matter of the arrest, and about a woman. Bailey got drunk. The difficulty commenced at one of the dance houses, just out of the town, and after coming to the village, Bailey was shot and killed by McCluskie. French and other Texans, among whom was one named Bill [or Hugh] Anderson, then swore they would put an end to McCluskie's life, and break up his crowd. Several small difficulties occurred between the parties and their friends. At 1 o'clock last Sabbath morning, when all but one of the dance houses were closed, and most of their frequenters had left, the murderers proceeded to carry out their desperate threats. One of these disreputable places remained open. McCluskie was one of the loiterers. It proved to be his last hour on earth. Could he have known this, he would doubtless have preferred to spend it elsewhere.

Several of the bloodthirsty Texans entered the place, accompanied by a few lookers-on, who had found out the intentions of the murderers. One or two innocent men were shot in the affray who were present only to see. Directly Anderson entered, and immediately the bloody work commenced. With murder in his eye and his foul mouth filled with oaths and epithets, he stepped up to McCluskie and shot him. The ball entered McCluskie's neck. He sprang to his feet and shot Anderson, and then fell to the ground. The shooting then became general. McCluskie was shot in three places, and died in a couple of hours. John Martin, a herd boss, was shot through the jugular vein and died. Bill Anderson, an owner of Texas cattle, was shot

through the thigh; John Anderson, his brother, was shot through the right arm and lungs; [William] Garrett was shot through the lungs, and has since died; Patrick Lee, a railroad employee, was shot through the loins, and has since died. He was in no way a party to the difficulty. Hickey was shot in three places, and we believe has since died. [Jim] Wilkinson was shot through the jaw and nose. Bartlett was shot in the left shoulder.

On Sunday, two other white men and a negro were shot, but our informant did not learn their names. Neither of them were killed. A coroner's jury was called on Sunday morning, and after an investigation, which lasted from 8 o'clock a. m. to 12:30 p. m., they found Bill Anderson guilty of manslaughter, they having proved that he fired the first shot. They adjourned, and soon after received notice that if they did not leave at once, their bodies would be found Monday morning "ornamenting neighboring telegraph poles." On Monday morning, three of them came away on the early train, and the other three went to Wichita. Anderson came on the same train, and went to Topeka to have his wounds attended to. Anderson and his men had such control over the crowd, that the officers were afraid to arrest them.

The Texans were talking Sunday night of burning the town and running out the prostitutes and gamblers. Several of them left, and as we have heard of no such action on their part, we conclude they have abandoned the matter. This was one of the bloodiest affrays that ever occurred in our State, and we hope that measures will be taken to prevent its recurrence.



No Tusco Cowboy Swap Meet for June 2021



NEWS & NOTES

Six Stages

We shoot six stages at Tusco. A few people have told us that they drive a good distance to shoot at Tusco, and would like to shoot as much as possible. Obviously, we only have room for five shooting bays.

So, what we do is shoot the first stage twice. Consider it a warm up stage. Only five stages will be scored. You can take your best time on your first stage. If you don't want to shoot it twice, you do not have to. This provides more shooting for our shooters.

New SASS Magazine

With the new release of the SASS Quarterly Cowboy Chronicle, I once again would like to start collecting any unwanted issues of the magazine. We will use these for our promotional events, like our Tusco Long Riders' Day at Kames Sports. Please either black out or cut off your name and address, or I will do it before they are passed out. Thank you!

Facebook Page

When you make a post about Tusco or share pictures on Facebook, include “#TuscoLongRiders”. Let everyone see what we are all about.

New Shooters Shoot for Free at Tusco

The Tusco Long Riders will be offering **FREE SHOOTS to ALL FIRST TIME SHOOTERS AT TUSCO.** This is **ONLY** for a shooter's first ever shoot at Tusco. **This is only for monthly matches, from January - September. Our High Noon 3-day Shoot in October, and our Charity Shoot in November are excluded.

Cowboy Swap Meet at Monthly Shoots

As a reminder, feel free to bring your old Cowboy Gear, Guns and Equipment to sell at our monthly shoots. It's a good opportunity to sell some of your unwanted stuff to your fellow shooters. Your items are your responsibility.

Pre-Paid Shoots

Looking for that perfect Gift for your Cowboy Friends and Family? How about a Pre-paid Shoot to a Tusco Monthly Match. They cost \$10.00 each at a shoot or they can be mailed for \$10.50. Contact Buckaroo Bubba at pittfandwr@aol.com or 330-348-5637 if you would like to purchase them.

Help Wanted at Tusco

If you are available to help set up target stands/props before our shoots, it would be greatly appreciated.

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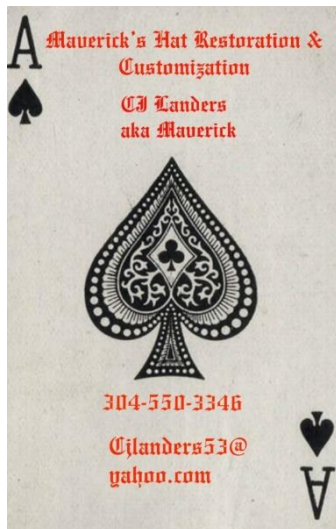


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