Brother provides life-saving CPR

BY CHRIS EVANS

Growing up on a rural Crittenden County farm as the youngest of three brothers, Josh Champion had to be tough to begin with. His hard work and God’s hand are a testament to that. It is remarkable how the Champion family came through the difficult times of the Champion’s 26, had been working on Highview Electric for about a year and half when he was exploring power lines near Cabaret City on Aug. 7. As a crewman for the electric- contract company Champion was stuck in a bucket truck changing out lines on a pole when he got hit with 2,700 volts. His brother, Jason, was able to get him out of the bucket before he had enough time to kill him.

But then again, his life and the events leading up to the accident defy logic.

Even the youngest offspring of Kenny and Fum Champion, Josh was hardened at an early age by the boyhood fires and practical jokes administered by his older brothers. Jason, near 31, and Jared, 29.

Looking back on their childhood days, the older boys are a bit ashamed by the sufferings their little brother endured.

You would put money songs too. With your hands behind your necks, you were a boy to do bad things. You were always ready to fight all the time.

While Jason and Jared grit at the sound of their youth and the Fifth when it comes to discuss the details, they do admit to their activities as a child.

We did beat on him. "You can say the same, he always looks tough," says older brother.

Despite all of the rough and tumble stories about such young lads growing up in the Crittenden County countryside, the truth is that they are extremely close. Living on the same farm with their grandparents, the Champion boys learned about family love very early. They may have fought and boasted to one another, but if an outsider threatened one, he’d better be ready to fight all three. When Josh was severely injured on the job, it was a matter that they were all ready to do battle.

That was the first time we ever worked on the same or even together," said Jared about being on the ground and watching as the brother who was nailed by enough electricity to light a city block. "I saw him shuffled over the ground and watching as the brother who was nailed by enough electricity"

"We had to hold him up," says older brother.

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It had been six minutes since he was pulled out of the water. For the next five minutes, the ambulance worked. “He wasn't breathing.”

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Free Silver & a booming Nunn Switch in 1897

Visit to Baker School House and Community of Nunn Switch

Let’s go along with Mr. George Russell, correspondent for The Press, as he visits Baker School House and travels to Nunn Switch, Kentucky, also known as Nunn.

From the Archives of The Crittenden Press, Marion, Kentucky, Thursday, September 27, 1907.

In the early 1890s, the Free Silver movement gained momentum in the United States, with many people calling for the adoption of a bimetallic standard, where both silver and gold would be used as legal tender. Nunn Switch, a small town in Crittenden County, was at the heart of this movement.

In 1897, the Free Silver Club was formed in Nunn Switch, with George R. Russell, the correspondent for The Crittenden Press, as its first president. Russell, a local newspaper publisher, became a strong advocate for the movement and used his newspaper to spread the word.

The Free Silver Club was one of many organized across the nation, and it was formed to promote the idea of free silver, which advocated for the coinage of silver as currency.

The club was primarily composed of Democratic Party adherents and had a significant presence in the South and West. It was a response to the gold standard, which was being promoted by the Republican Party, and was seen as a form of protectionism for the silver miners.

Russell was a prominent figure in the movement, and he used his newspaper to promote the idea of free silver. He was a strong supporter of the movement and was involved in many of the meetings and discussions held by the club.

The club held regular meetings, where they discussed the benefits of free silver and how it would benefit the miners and the economy. They also discussed the dangers of the gold standard and how it would harm the miners.

The club was successful in gaining support, and they were able to organize rallies and meetings to spread the word. They also worked closely with other groups, such as the Silver Clubs, to promote the idea of free silver.

In conclusion, the Free Silver movement was a significant force in the late 19th century, and it had a significant impact on the economy and politics of the time. Nunn Switch, Kentucky, was at the heart of this movement, and the Free Silver Club was a key player in it.

The work of the Nunn Switch Free Silver Club in 1897

Judge T.J. Nunn

Brenda Underdown

This is a photograph of the Jasper Byrd Railroad work crew on the tracks near Nunn Switch in the early 1890s. Thanks to Jake Breland for sharing this great old picture with us.
**OUTDOORS**

**KET host at Smithland**

Tim Farmer, host of the KET’s Kentucky Hunt show television show, will be in Livingston County for an event designed for the entire family. Big Rivers Christian Men’s Ministries and the Potter’s House Baptist Worship Center’s men’s ministry will sponsor the event. The event will be ring in 5:30 p.m. Friday, at the Potter’s House on the Courty Rd. (Ky. 397) between Smithland and Ledbetter. The event is free and so is the following dinner. Farmer will speak and will be on an archery demonstration. There will be door prizes, gun giveaways and much more. For information contact Eddie Joiner at 528-2063.

**Crossbow season**

The statewide archery season for crossbow opens Monday and runs through Oct. 21.

**2007-08 Hunting Seasons**

Quarterback Club will meet at 7 p.m. Nov. 15 in the South Hopkins High School library to discuss the upcoming hunting season.

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