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*Your cooperative is committed to the provision of safe, reliable, and reasonably priced electricity and other energy related services while improving the communities we serve.*

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KASEY CARNLEY

Brothers Leon (left) and Marshall James have performed together for 77 years.

## Oh brother, they can sing!

**IN 2015, BREC MEMBERS** Marshall and Leon James of Lyman were honored with the Jean Laney Harris Folk Award by the South Carolina General Assembly, which is given to practitioners and advocates of traditional arts significant to communities throughout the state. Still performing today, the James brothers have been creating beautiful harmonies together for over 75 years.

Beginning when Marshall was 6 and Leon 5, the brothers sang with their family, a quintet aptly called the James Family. The year was 1944. The family group sang mostly in churches around Lyman. In 1947, the James Family won a top prize of \$50 in a sing-off.

Since then, the brothers have been singing. They sang in the '50s during high school with many groups and over the next two decades they were part of quartets, quintets or sextets. The memorabilia they have collected is like a stroll

through history. You'll see glossy photos of top gospel recording artists during that time, and gospel turned mainstream recording artists, such as Sam Cooke. In the photos are glamorous men and women; hearing stories from the brothers about almost each one, brings the photos to life.

The duo sings now, as they did then, *a capella*, or with no musical accompaniment. Singing out strong as ever, they need no amplification of their voices. In years past the James brothers have sung for schools in their area, which they speak of with glee. Now, for the most part, the duo continues to sing where it all began, in their church.

These days, they go by the name "The Legendary James Brothers." Fans have been doing research to determine if the duo holds the record for singing together for the greatest number of years in recording artist history. At 77 years together, they certainly are in the running.



Formed in 1944, the James Family sang in churches around Lyman.

## EMPLOYEE SNAPSHOT

### Don Mahaffey

**NUMBER OF YEARS ON THE JOB:** 13

**HOW HE STARTED:** Meter tech in Service Department

**WHERE HE IS NOW:** Meter tech in Service Department

**JOB DESCRIPTION:** As part of the operational service department, Mahaffey is always on the road, in all parts of the territory, in BREC truck 19. His job is the ultimate in member service. He is the front-line technician when it comes to member's issues such as problems with meters, switching out meters and energy efficiency calls. He is also one who locates underground lines.

**HOW HE GOT HIS START:** "I worked for Ellason Tree Service, who, at the time was contracted to cut the right-of-ways for Broad River lines. When the job opened up, I applied. And the rest is history."

**MOST DIFFICULT**

**THING ABOUT HIS JOB:**

"Learning how to locate our underground utility lines, and specifically which lines are BREC lines. Many different utility lines are attached to our poles and in our underground areas and many different factors to know when locating lines. It is often difficult to know and identify which ones are ours."

**ADVICE TO THE NEXT GENERATION:** "Learn the Broad River Electric system. There's a ton of miles—know where the breakers are, and the cut-outs are and which way the lines feed in. If you know that, you're ahead of the game."



### Need to update your contact info?

**IN THE EVENT** of a power outage, it is important that Broad River Electric has your correct account information.

If you have changed or added phone numbers, or your status has changed in any way, call our member service department at (866) 687-2667 to provide an update.

## Ready for an experience you won't forget?

Your co-op has two amazing trips planned this summer. Juniors: Apply for the Washington Youth Tour. Sophomores: Apply for the Cooperative Youth Summit.

**Juniors:** Experience Washington, D.C., with hundreds of students from across South Carolina and the country, meeting lawmakers and touring all the sights. Your electric co-op will cover your round-trip plane ticket, tours and meals. In other words, it's all free!

**Sophomores:** Experience South Carolina's capital like never before. Tour the Statehouse, meet lawmakers and see how co-ops are preparing for our state's energy future. Plus, there's plenty of fun with visits to popular Columbia attractions like Riverbanks Zoo & Garden. Your electric co-op will cover all your expenses.

**We've made it easy to apply for either FREE trip. Apply today!**



**Washington Youth Tour: June 18-23, 2022**



**Cooperative Youth Summit: July 11-14, 2022**

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Application Deadline: February 11, 2022**

