







Superior in Camp Overall. The Steer's mascot, Stomper, (top left photo) received the Large Superior award and Traditions award. Squad member Mia Galvan (bottom left photo) was also chosen as a pin it forward recipient from another squad. Steer cheerleaders (right photo) include Mia Galvan, Kristen Moreno, Aubrey Nichols, Zoey Nichols, Myrka Sosa, Ryen White, and mascot, Ammileigh Smith.

following Laura. That hurricane knocked out power to Warden's own home and heavily damaged his own coop's lines.

But the day after the lights were back on in East Texas, Warden was in Louisiana. He left his own family to help another family - the co-op

family.

In his 24 years as a lineworker, Warden has worked the front lines of major recovery efforts, including after hurricanes Katrina and Rita. But he had never experienced anything like this. He'd never had to miss one of his four kids' birthdays.

"When we first got here, there weren't hardly any lines up in the air," he said. "Their whole system was tore up. It was just wiped. When you drove down the highway, just about every pole you would look at was broke."

Relentlessly dedicated lineworkers like Warden have for more than 80 years ensured that the lights stay on across Co-op Country, where cooperatives rely on one another when disaster strikes. The full force of that network was on brilliant display last fall, when Laura in August, Hurricane Sally in September and Delta in October ripped

through the South, including parts of Texas, killing dozens, displacing many more and destroying electrical infrastructure. And then an unprecedented ice storm tore apart co-op grids in West Texas and the Panhandle.

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