



# THE TREE LINE

News for Sunland Construction & Affiliates

## Gulf Coast Division

### September 2017 Edition Gotta Dig-it

*Your Hard Work in the Spotlight. Thanks to you for your hard work. Your professionalism and workmanship have kept jobs in the pipeline.*

*There are a number of jobs currently underway. If you are between jobs and are looking for a good opportunity, feel free to contact the Division Office to find out what work is available.*

Tony Perez and crew traveled to the Port of Port Arthur, TX in February of 2017 to complete the installation of 8,000 feet of a 24" diesel line coming out of an existing refinery and traveling to the Port of Port Arthur Dock. The project consisted of 3 HDD's, a launcher platform installation, a meter platform installation, and an 1,100 feet push section under the dock before tying into 3 heavy duty marine loading arm assemblies.



Loading arm installation crew from left to right: Jesus Garcia, Carlos Lopez, Romiro Garza, 3rd Party Rep, Americo Lucero, 3rd Party Rep, Tomas Gomez-Olvera.

Darrel (Doc) Veillon, Sam Latiolais, William (Billy) LaHaye and crew fabricated and installed a new mainline valve assembly on Winner Foster Road in Richmond, Texas. The project also included the removal of an eight inch trap and associated facilities on the client's thirty

inch pipeline. This was a very time sensitive project due to the outage dates provided by the client and there were several contractors involved in different locations.

Belvon and Patrick Hebert completed the removal and disposal of an existing steel suspension bridge on the Brazos and Colorado River crossings.

The steel suspension bridges included steel primary and secondary cables, steel towers, concrete anchors, suspended and buried thirty inch pipe, and suspended pipe saddles.

The cables were removed via explosive shape charges as shown on the picture to the left.



Welders making a tie-in on the 30" line utilizing specialized shoring due to the proximity to the public road.



Aerial Bridge Removal



Above pictures include a road bore taking place near Lake Charles, Louisiana. The crew and auger bore rig are located in an engineered box to safely complete the bore. The crew is assisting the drilling subcontractor while the auger bore is taking place. Supervisor onsite is Rodney Carlise.



The photo above shows a crew lowering-in a (29) joint section of 30” pipe located near Lake Arthur, Louisiana.

## Pipeline PEOPLE

## Dedicated Employees

 Thank you!

Gulf Coast Division would like to show their appreciation for the hard work and dedication of all division and field office staff. Over the past few years, we have all worked hard to learn and adjust to the new Workday and Time Entry programs and we are conquering them together like a true team. Thank you for your hard work! Thank you for your commitment! Thank you for doing your part to help the Gulf Coast Division grow stronger!



Gulf Coast Division (Delcambre, LA) office staff: Back row: Mindy Cormier, Jessica D'Aquila, Skyla Leblanc. Front row: Kristi Bizette, Kasey Wainright, Suzette Lancon, Deedra Cashat, Emili Delcambre, Nolita Longmire.



## “Good Samaritan” Dondi Tipton



We received a call from a lady named Misty regarding a good deed that was done by our very own Dondi Tipton. He helped out her parents who had run out of gas near Henderson, LA. To quote her “Your employees are awesome!” Thank you Dondi for your good deed and being a great representation of Sunland Construction!



# Co-worker Connection



**Skyla Leblanc**  
*Sunland Construction, Inc.*  
*Gulf Coast Division*  
*Safety Clerk*

**Which company do you work for and how many years of service?** I currently work for Gulf Coast Division, and I am happy to say that I have been an employee since September 17, 2015.

**Tell us about your family!** I am married to my best friend, Trey Leblanc. We have two handsome boys, Cole who is 10 and Kain who is 2. .

**What do you enjoy doing in your spare time?** I enjoy cooking in my spare time and anything that involves being outdoors is a great past-time. Most of all being a mommy is my #1 enjoyment.

**Where do you see yourself (career-wise) in 10 years?** My main focus is moving forward with furthering my career within the Safety Department. I am hopeful that I will be able to grow within the company to take on more responsibilities.

**This year, what has been your biggest work-related challenge?** My biggest challenge this year has been taking on another position while continuing with Safety as my main focus for success.

**This year, what has been your biggest work-related achievement?** I've been given additional tasks and responsibilities while being asked to maintain my current position. This has allowed me to gain more experience in new areas and allowed me to grow both professionally and personally.

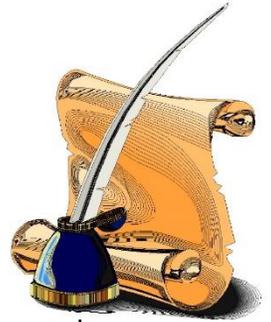
**If you could change one thing about the company what would you change and why?** If I could change one thing about the company I work for, it would be adding sick days. Employees would be given sick days each year on top of vacation time to ensure they would maximize their actual vacations and feel better and refreshed about returning to work.

**If you could have dinner with anyone past or present, who would it be and why?** If I could have dinner with anyone in the present it would be Tory Burch. Not only is she an amazing designer, but she has launched her own foundation that provides low-cost loans to women entrepreneurs

## From Our Desk to Yours

### "Quality"

#### **We take pride in our craftsmanship and accomplishments "It is what we do"**



What do you think of when you hear the word "Quality"? Is it NASA and the high standards that have to be met to launch a rocket ship into outer space? Is it the airline industry that you trust to take you thousands of feet above the ground to get from one place to another in a short amount of time? Is it the Oil and Gas Industry that builds facilities and pipelines to move product from one location to another under the ground? There are many other things that might come to mind when you think of **Quality**, but in the simplest terms it is a degree of excellence on what you are doing.

The greatest asset we have at Sunland Construction and Affiliates is our talented and motivated team of employees. Our continued success is dependent on our delivering construction projects in a timely and safe manor, with exceptional Quality.

Poor **Quality** is rarely the fault of the craft workers; it is more caused by poor planning, processes, communication and leadership. We all have the same responsibility and authority when it comes to **Quality**. Producing a product with exceptional **Quality** also takes the ability and willingness to recognize areas where we can improve and make the changes to aid us in that continual improvement.

We can only control what we can control and so that means we have to start with ourselves as individuals and as a company. It starts by us producing **Quality** products without defects or failures time and time again. It also takes the ability to be able to show (through documentation) how and why we are confident when we say "pipelines are the safest mode of transportation".

We take pride in our reputation for **Quality** work performed safely.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'C. Meier'.

Craig Meier, President