



# Hidden Treasures

## An update from 49er President Tristen Griffith

**H**ere's to our 4th Annual NASCAR Event! Several of our employees worked 12-16 hours straight in order to make the NASCAR transport trucks sparkle, cook the food up delicious and to keep our facilities clean.

Thank you to everyone for making The 49er a seamless experience for all of our drivers and for NASCAR.

Each year there is an opportunity for truckstop employees across the nation to apply for the Bill Moon Scholarship through NATSO (National Association of Truckstop Operators). I am proud to announce this is the second year in a row that one of our employees won!

Last year's winner was Daryll Carlson's daughter and this year it is our very own Sarah Wilson in Payroll/HR. Sarah will be receiving a check for \$5,000 to apply toward her education.

*Congratulations Sarah!*

Have you heard that our monument sign was finally approved? After working on this for close to two years, the county finally approved our 85-foot sign. We have had countless meetings with the



architectural review board, county planners and neighboring communities during the planning process of this exciting new upgrade.

We worked to address all concerns and considerations the best we could. This is a significant investment in our business which we hope will also have a significant return. Take a look at the mockup of the new sign to the left of this column. Look out for the construction to begin in the coming months.

I look forward to seeing you all at our 14th Annual company picnic next month. For more details on the picnic, see below. You won't want to miss out! ■



14th Annual Company Picnic

October 11, 2014  
1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Swainson's Hawk Park  
150 Lentini Way  
Sacramento, CA 95834

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## TRAVEL TALK

### What is your favorite Silver Skillet dish?



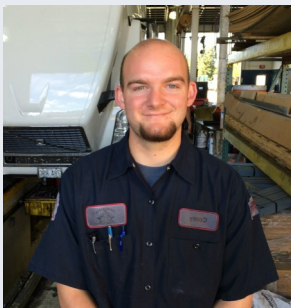
**Bridget Bell,  
Restaurant**

"I love the Chicken Fried Steak!"



**Steven Bartholomew,  
C-Store**

"The Guacamole Burger, minus the Guacamole."



**Corey Koetsier,  
Service Center**

"The 49er Club House sandwich."



**Rowdy Short, C-Store**

"I'm trying to eat healthier these days. So, I like just chicken breast and vegetables."

## New additions for the Silver Skillet

By: Clint Altheide  
Restaurant Manager

The Silver Skillet would like to announce a brand new menu ready to roll out for each of our guests.

Working side by side with the kitchen, we have improved some of our menu items and improved the flavor of our recipes. Everyone has to come down and try our new Chicken Quesadilla, Buffalo Salad or a BBQ Chicken Wrap.

We are also offering Chester's Chicken in the restaurant now as well. We have added Corn on the

Cob for our barbecue items and offer sweet butter to go with our cornbread. Be careful though because the butter is very sweet and addicting.

We have added some great talent to work in the kitchen and we have some great personalities working on the service team now.

We are looking forward to everyone coming and seeing us here at the Silver Skillet!

If it is just for some of our great breakfast, some great BBQ food, or a slice of Homemade Apple Pie, we will be waiting and looking forward to serving you very soon! ■

## Employee Submission: Coleslaw with a kick

By: Daryll Carlson

Coleslaw. Boring right? I love this slaw because it has serrano chiles that give it quite a bite, and the cheese is also unusual.

I'm known to like my food spicy hot, and my friends joke that I put peppers or hot sauce on everything I eat. So, when I first brought this slaw to a barbecue, the joke was, "Really,

Daryll? You put peppers in the coleslaw?" So, I was a little surprised that my serving bowl was empty after the food was served.

I have been invited to a few barbecues since then, and when I ask what I should bring, the answer has always been, "Can you make that coleslaw again?" I'm not surprised, because it's *that* good! ■

### Daryll's Coleslaw with Chiles

#### Ingredients:

1/4 cup mayonnaise	4 green onions, coarsely chopped
1/4 cup white wine vinegar	2 serrano chiles
2 tablespoons canola oil	1 head green cabbage, finely shredded
1 teaspoon celery seeds	1 large carrot, julienned
Kosher salt, freshly ground pepper	1/2 cup crumbled queso fresco

#### Instructions:

1. Whisk the mayonnaise, vinegar, oil and celery seeds until smooth.
2. Season with salt and pepper.
3. Whisk in the green onions and serrano chiles.
4. Place the cabbage and carrots in a large bowl.
5. Add the dressing and the queso fresco.
6. Toss to combine. Enjoy!





## races to 49er Travel Plaza

In early June, The 49er welcomed NASCAR. The staff helped to prepare the hauler trucks for their annual parade around the State Capitol.

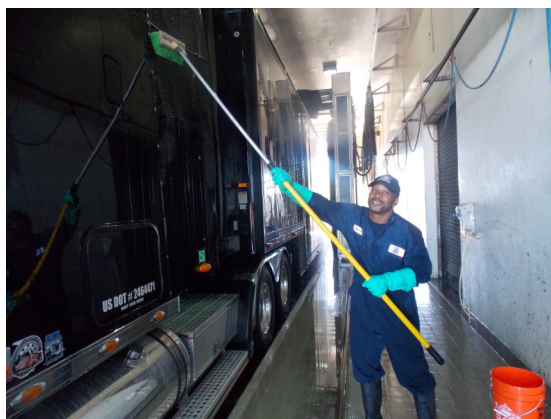
This was the 4th year that NASCAR passed through Sacramento on their way to the Sonoma Raceway. The event brought roughly 60 NASCAR employees along with a dozen or more hauler trailers.

"The 49er staff worked together to make yet another successful event," said General Manager Martha Leon.

Both staff and guests had the opportunity to see the massive hauler trailers up close as well as see the NASCAR mini-cars that they brought along with the trailers.

While the trailers were getting a good scrub down in the truck wash, NASCAR employees enjoyed a catered breakfast hosted by the restaurant, which included the CHP going through the day's itinerary.

Around noon, the haulers departed from The 49er and began their journey towards Downtown Sacramento. ■



**(Top Right)** Ramon Vargas (left) and Jimmy Perez serve food at the breakfast.

**(Middle Left)** Marvin Simmons washes a NASCAR truck before the parade.

**(Middle Right)** Mike Raven poses with a NASCAR Go Daddy truck.



## Just a Common Soldier

By: A. Lawrence Vaincourt (1987)

Poem submitted by: Brenda Fortmuller

He was getting old and paunchy  
and his hair was falling fast,  
And he sat around the Legion,  
telling stories of the past.  
Of a war that he had fought in and the  
deeds that he had done,  
In his exploits with his buddies;  
they were heroes, every one.

And tho' sometimes, to his neighbors,  
his tales became a joke,  
All his Legion buddies listened, for  
they knew whereof he spoke.  
But we'll hear his tales no longer for  
old Bill has passed away,  
And the world's a little poorer,  
for a soldier died today.

He will not be mourned by many, just  
his children and his wife,  
For he lived an ordinary and quite  
uneventful life.  
Held a job and raised a family, quietly  
going his own way,  
And the world won't note his passing,  
though a soldier died today.

When politicians leave this earth,  
their bodies lie in state,  
While thousands note their passing  
and proclaim that they were great.  
Papers tell their whole life stories,  
from the time that they were young,  
But the passing of a soldier goes  
unnoticed and unsung.

Is the greatest contribution to the  
welfare of our land  
A guy who breaks his promises and  
cons his fellow man?  
Or the ordinary fellow who, in times of  
war and strife, Goes off to serve his  
Country and offers up his life?

A politician's stipend and the style in  
which he lives  
Are sometimes disproportionate to the  
service that he gives.  
While the ordinary soldier,  
who offered up his all,  
Is paid off with a medal and perhaps,  
a pension small.

It's so easy to forget them for it was  
so long ago,  
That the old Bills of our Country went  
to battle, but we know  
It was not the politicians, with their  
compromise and ploys,  
Who won for us the freedom that our  
Country now enjoys.

Should you find yourself in danger,  
with your enemies at hand,  
Would you want a politician with his  
ever-shifting stand?  
Or would you prefer a soldier,  
who has sworn to defend  
His home, his kin and Country and  
would fight until the end?

He was just a common soldier and his  
ranks are growing thin,  
But his presence should remind us we  
may need his like again.  
For when countries are in conflict,  
then we find the soldier's part  
Is to clean up all the troubles that the  
politicians start.

If we cannot do him honor while he's  
here to hear the praise,  
Then at least let's give him homage  
at the ending of his days.  
Perhaps just a simple headline in a  
paper that would say,  
Our Country is in mourning,  
for a soldier died today. ■

### Happy Anniversary!

Dana Hurt (1)  
Galen Humes (1)  
Gonzalo Servin (1)  
Jennifer Crandall (1)  
Jorge Maradiegue (1)  
Mike Caldwell (1)  
Silvia Garcia (1)  
Steven Bartholomew (1)  
Paul Millette (5)  
Cheryl McCune (15)

### Welcome to the Family!

Andrea Holquin  
Alma Cobian  
Asia Wilcox  
Celina Copeland  
Clint Altheide  
Fabian Gutierrez  
Jacob Steck  
James Clark  
Joseph Ponce  
Katie Hernandez  
Larhon Morris  
Lucy Zamarripa  
Matthew Beaty  
Michael Villarreal  
Rebekah Hernandez  
Tony Villalbos  
Tyler Fuller

### Happy Birthday!

(10/3) Jose Lopez  
(10/5) Jeff Raven  
(10/16) Flor Jimenez  
(10/22) Tyler Fuller  
(10/22) Brandon Holland  
(10/26) Anita Corsbie  
(10/27) Allana Abalo  
(11/2) Phyllis Myers  
(11/4) Carlos Perez  
(11/4) Randee Maderos  
(11/5) Gerardo Hernandez  
(11/9) Tony Avila  
(11/13) Henry Shabir  
(11/17) Rodney Gard  
(11/14) Christina Coloretto  
(11/21) Michael Merced  
(11/22) Asia Wilcox  
(11/23) Tim Thomason  
(11/28) Christina McRae  
(12/7) Paul Millette  
(12/7) Sandra Phillips  
(12/8) Jose Rodriguez  
(12/9) Duane Rodland  
(12/10) JD Howard  
(12/12) Fabian Gutierrez  
(12/15) Tristen Griffith  
(12/17) Andrew Englund  
(12/19) Drew Latham

### Did you know?

- ★ You can set up Direct Deposit  
and have your paystubs emailed  
to you! Ask the Administration  
Office for details.
- ★ You can find the Travel Plaza  
and Silver Skillet on Facebook!



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