

# Roxsand

## Visions Into Realty

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Over the past year, I have had the opportunity to be a part of two projects that were once visions that have now become reality.

One is the Harrisburg Terminal; this is our newest transload facility that is allowing us to transport sand and rock from Hawarden to the Sioux Falls market. When I first started QC testing in Hawarden, Jim Thompson, plant manager at the time, told me about the vision of transporting materials north. When he told me of the idea, I thought it was a just a dream, but it didn't take long for that vision to be put into place. I was able to help the engineering team coordinate some of the logistics to create a new transload location with office and scale. It was an interesting project that gave me insight into what it takes to coordinate, schedule, communicate, and put into action the steps to develop a site from scratch.

The other project was the creation of the Central Lab. In 2024, we decided to make the strategic decision to move our asphalt lab from the location on Rice Street to the "old Haber building" behind the Ace Harrisburg plant so that we could support both the new NMP asphalt plant and Rice Street plant. Moving the lab allowed us to expand and support other QC efforts such as concrete testing and breaks and aggregate testing from other locations. The team put in a lot of effort to clean up the location and make it a great place to support various QC efforts. We have since renamed the building the L. G. Everist Support Center. The building is home to the Central Lab, the electrical division, and our newest maintenance division; all are support services for L. G. Everist, Myrl & Roy's, Ace Ready Mix, and D & I. This vision highlights how with the right people and right space we can support multiple plants and functions of the companies.

With both of these projects I learned about how we think strategically about company growth and how we structure ourselves for the future. What has been the most inspiring is seeing how involving the right people and sharing the vision, will make it a reality.



Harrisburg Terminal's Unload Pit



Central Lab Team: Missy Crippen,  
Jackson Gacke, April Brennan

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## Birthdays This Week

Leonard Henke - Hawarden

Enrique Lugo Rodriguez - Firestone

Garrett Crews - Henderson

Alex Doren - Brookings

Dustyn Nelson - Dell Rapids East

Ryan Evenson - Ace Ready Mix

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## Managing Heat Stress

With temperatures ranging from the 90's-100's in our divisions, it's important to be aware and prevent heat related illnesses. Always monitor weather conditions and take breaks in shaded or cool areas. Stay hydrated by drinking water regularly—don't wait until you're thirsty. Wear lightweight, breathable clothing and use sunscreen to protect your skin. Know the signs of heat-related illnesses such as heat exhaustion and heat stroke, and report any symptoms immediately. Your safety is our top priority, and we encourage everyone to take the heat seriously.



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