



# Roxsand



*Pictured above: A nearly six-decade-old Manitowoc 4600 dragline*

## Changing of the Guard

**Written by Alec Riswold, Hawarden Plant Manager**

It seems like change comes faster every year in Hawarden. From installing our field belt and retiring the old Euclid belly-dump trucks, to building a new sand plant last year, there has been no shortage of improvements. Along with these major projects, there have been site cleanups, shop reorganization efforts, equipment upgrades, a new scale, and new employees. With the fast pace of the production season, it's easy to look around and forget just how different things looked only a few short years ago.

This year, our biggest change was the retirement of the Manitowoc 4600 dragline, purchased new in 1955, that helped keep Hawarden running for nearly six decades. We also said goodbye to another staple of the Hawarden site: dragline operator Joe Smith, who retired alongside his beloved machine after 48 years. (Joe, if you're reading this, we miss you.)

Replacing an employee with that much experience is no small task. Neither is replacing the only tool we've ever used to mine the gravel we process.

"One change always leaves the way open for the establishment of others." — Niccolò Machiavelli

Fortunately, with the reclamation of the Crocker site, we were able to welcome James Haneklaus to our team along with his trusted CAT 349 excavator. Jimmy and his excavator have ushered in a new era of mining here in Hawarden. We're



*Pictured above: James Haneklaus stands on the new CAT 349 excavator*



*Pictured above: Joe Smith, drag line operator, standing alongside his machine*

grateful for his expertise and leadership in helping make the transition seamless while Joe rides off into a well-earned retirement.

One thing is certain: change will continue to come. While Hawarden continues to evolve, we'll never forget Joe and his Manitowoc. And years from now, Jimmy and his 349 may well become part of the next generation of Hawarden legends. For now, we're excited to see what comes next.



*Pictured above: Hawarden site*

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## Birthdays This Week

Robert Everist - Sioux Falls | Chad Hartman - Sioux Falls | Charles Mohning - Akron  
Levi Gabrielson - Ortonville | Isaias Martinez - Firestone | Alexander Wolff - Henderson  
Michael Hoffman - Dell Rapids East | Kenneth Schultz - Dell Rapids East  
Loren Urquhart - Fort Lupton | Teresa Gilley - Fort Lupton | Cristian Corral - Ragsdale  
David Washburn - Ace Ready Mix | Ryan Wolcott - Dell Rapids East



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The Young Professionals Network toured 9 Mile Park to learn more about ready mix, asphalt, and recycle operations.



Luke Thronson delivering materials along I-90 for Myrl & Roy's Paving. Photo from Jason Brockberg.



### Quarry Days

Visit Dell Rapids, SD, June 27th - 28th.

Join us downtown for the parade on Saturday, June 27th, at 10am. The parade will head South on



### Weekly Throwback

Since the first Quarry Days in Dell Rapids, SD, in 1988, LGE has been involved - the parade, quarry tours, and then train rides (courtesy of Hubert Everist)! There was

Garfield Ave, West on Fourth Street, and end on Clark Ave.

Sunday, June 28th, will feature free train rides from 11am to 2:30pm, departing from the Schwebach Realty parking lot.

limited space on the old cabooses that were first utilized, but that never deterred the lines from forming.

Today, LGE and the D & I Railroad run double-decker passenger cars equipped with air conditioning and a sound system, which makes for a much more comfortable ride as passengers roll through town to our West quarry.



If you know someone who would like to receive the Roxsand, have them send their personal email to [info@LGEverist.com](mailto:info@LGEverist.com) and request to be added to the mailing list, or visit our website to sign up.

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