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While driving through Seward County or the Oklahoma Panhandle, a champagne colored SUV bearing a personalized plate that reads “SANDMAN,” may just deserve a salute rather than the casual wave. Robert “Bob” Carlile is the man behind the wheel, and he most likely had an instrumental role in providing that particular stretch of asphalt on which you may be traveling.

Fifty years ago, Bob’s father and brother built a sand plant and went to work. They went through their share of hardships, but that didn’t dissuade the family from moving forward.

“We started business on December 5, 1959,” J&R Sand owner Bob Carlile said. “It was my dad and one of my brothers that were involved. The J&R comes from Jack and Robert. Bill was my brother. I bought him out in about ’62 or ’63 and bought my dad out in 1965. We got started with one sand plant and struggled with that thing for years.”

