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with all my heart; I will tell of all
your wonderful deeds.

~ Psalm 9:1



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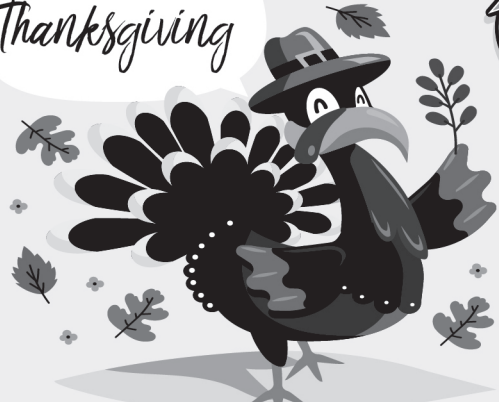


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+/-133.36 Surveyed Acres of Red Rock Township Minnehaha County, SD Land - Located Near Valley Springs, Brandon & Garretson, SD - With "2" Rural Housing Eligibilities That Could Serve as a Great Addition to an Area Farming Operation, Investment Property and/or Hobby Farm

We will offer the following parcel of farmland at auction at or near the property - Located to the from the Valley Springs/Garretson SD Exit #410 on I-90 - then ½ mile north on Co. Hwy. 105 (486th Ave.) and 1 mile east on 260th St. to the NW Corner of the land at the Jct. of 260th St. and 487th Ave.; from Garretson, SD - 7 miles south on Co. Hwy. (486th Ave.), then 1 mile east on 260th Street; or from the Pipestone/Jasper Exit #1 on I-90 - ½ mile north on Hwy. #23 (20th Ave.) then turn west on 91st Street approx. 2 miles to the NW corner of the land at the Jct. of 260th St. & 487th Ave.

THURSDAY DECEMBER 4, 2025 SALE TIME: 10:00 AM

This auction presents an excellent opportunity to purchase a parcel of land that has been owned by the Laehle Family for over 60 years. This land would make a great addition to an area row crop farming operation or as an investment. This property consists of a 133.36 acre surveyed parcel of land, which according to Minnehaha County Planning and Zoning has 2 remaining rural housing eligibilities. The exceptions from this property include 2 acreages and a portion of the SD Rest Area on I-90. Also, in association with the rest area there is a scenic easement on +/-54.24 acres lying north and northwest of the rest area granted to the State of SD granted in 1971, which restricts construction within the easement area, as well as other provisions of said easement, although there are no restrictions on agricultural farming practices. The location of this property is unique in that the land is bordered on the south by I-90 with the SD Rest Area being located in an area in the southeast corner of this land with a portion of the Rest Area being carved out of this farm, additionally, this land is bordered on the west by 487th Ave. and on the north by 260th Street and is conveniently located between the Valley Springs-Garretson and the Pipestone-Jasper Exits on I-90 and is just ½ mile west of the Minnehaha County, SD & Rock County, MN State Line. According to FSA information this property has approx. 131.37 acres of Farmland with approx. 129.87 acres of Cropland with an FSA 59.38 acre corn base with a 166 bu. PLC yield and a 64.82 acre soybean base with a 46 bu. PLC yield and has been enrolled under the ARC County election for corn and soybeans of the USDA farm program. The non-tillable acres in this farm are comprised primarily of small +/- 1.5 acre area comprised of some trees with a dugout located near the NW corner of the farm, with the remaining non-tillable acres comprised of a waterway and roads. According to the M'haha Co. Assessor, currently this land is assessed in two parcels with parcel #013636 being 50 acres with a Soil rating of .629 and parcel #013637 being 82.83 acres with a soil rating of .562, comparatively information obtained from Surety Agri Data indicates this farm as a whole has a Soil Productivity Index of 61.8. The total real estate taxes for 2024 and payable in 2025 on this property were \$1,439.64 + \$1,005.66 for a combined total of \$2,445.30. This land has a high percentage tillable with a gently rolling to rolling topography. This land is conveniently located to I-90 and within a short drive to Brandon, Valley Springs, Garretson & Sioux Falls, SD and also Luverne, Pipestone, Jasper & Hills, MN, as well as a number of area grain terminals.

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Community Events

Operation Christmas Child collection ends Nov. 24

National collection week for Operation Christmas Child is Nov. 17-24 at the American Reformed Church, 304 N. Fairview Drive, Luverne, using the south entrance of the church. With questions or or for more information call Edna Buys at 507-227-7169 or Charla Sandbulte at 507-227-1722. You may also go online to samaritanspurse.org for more information.

LSS offers pop-up meal distribution Nov. 25

LSS Meals invites you to a free, community dining event from 1 to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 25, at Generations, 105 S. Estey Street in Luverne. This pop-up event offers 10 frozen meals per qualifying client. LSS Meals offers you healthy, delicious meals for adults 60 years and older. No preregistration is required. The first 30 clients will get the 10 frozen meals. You are required to fill out a NAPIS form before receiving the meals. Call 507-283-9846 with questions.

UMC offers free Thanksgiving community meal

The Luverne United Methodist Church is hosting their annual Thanksgiving community meal at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 26. This is completely free of charge. A pickup option is also available.

Town and Country Garden Club will make pots Dec. 2

Town and Country Garden Club will meet at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 2, at Harmony Gardens to make Christmas porch pots. The greens and embellishments will be provided. Participants need to bring their own pot. Charge will be \$40. Please register by Tuesday, Nov.25, by calling 507-669-2905. Visitors or new members are always welcome. Join us for this fun, festive event!

SHARE distribution

The Rock County SHARE program will be distributing groceries, clothing, toys, socks/underwear, and personal hygiene products to Rock County residents in need from noon to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 10, at the American Reformed Church in Luverne (304 N. Fairview Drive). Please note, the SHARE program will NOT be accepting donations of used items at this time. To support SHARE, please mail your monetary donation to SHARE, PO Box 792, Luverne, MN 56156. For more information contact Amy at 507-227-6944 or Monica at 507-820-1100.

Community Ed Events offered

Taking **Defensive Driving** classes allows adults 55 years of age and older to save on insurance premiums. As of July 1, 2024, you are able to take a four-hour class to receive the discount, and then repeat the class every three years to continue receiving the discount. The schedule for Luverne classes follows: upcoming class—Dec. 8.
Learn family-friendly budgeting tips, ways kids can earn and manage money, and how to start meaningful conversations about finances at **Budgeting for Families** on Nov. 25. This class is for adults, but children ages 8 and older are allowed to attend with an adult. Fee is \$10.

Census information needed for preschool children

If you are new to the community, please call Community Education at 507-283-4724 with your family information for all children ages zero up to kindergarten. The school district uses the information for planning purposes, mailing out flyers regarding school events, including the state-mandated preschool screening for all three-year-old children living in Minnesota. If your child is four years old and has not been screened, please call 507-283-4724. The screening should be completed prior to kindergarten.

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The family of Joan Salzer is grateful for the love and support we received during the passing of our wife, mom and grandma. Your gifts of flowers, food, memorials, cards and words of sympathy were appreciated. We want to thank the Hospice Cottage staff for their love and care of Joan in her final days. You all were a true blessing to our family! A special thanks to Pastor Mike and Marilyn Uithoven for your prayers and visits. Thank you to Jeff Hartquist and his amazing staff for their assistance during this time of loss. We feel blessed to live in this wonderful and caring community.

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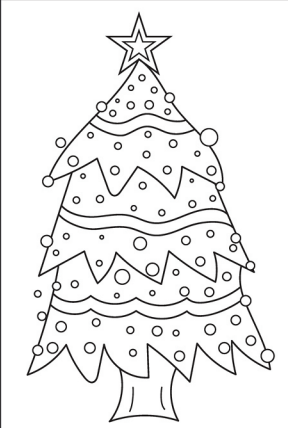
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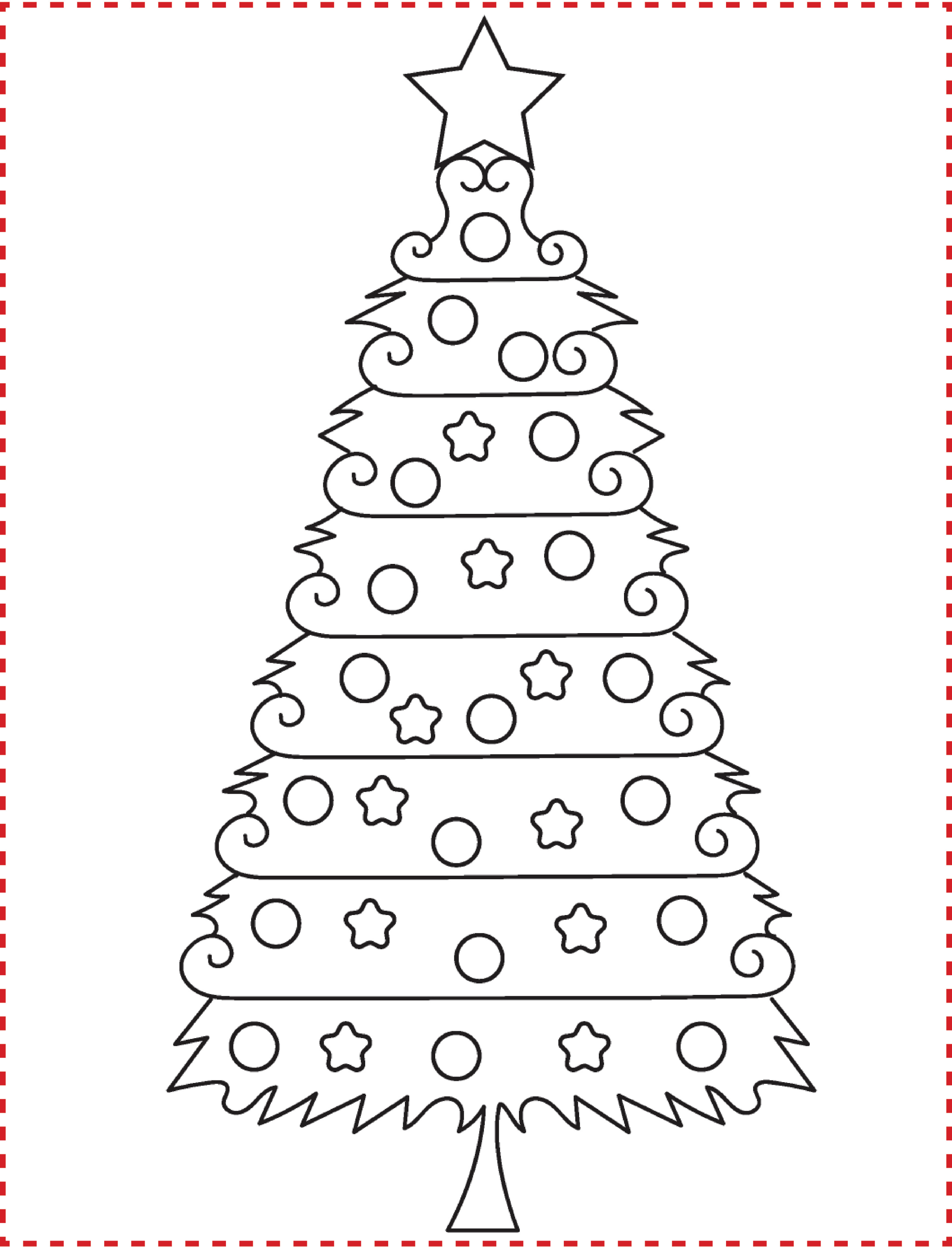
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 - Color the picture below with paints, markers, crayons or colored pencils.
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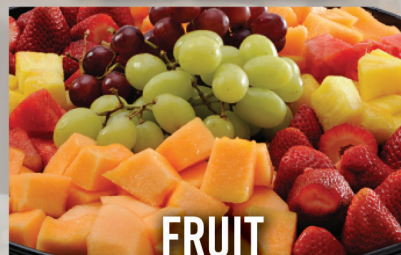
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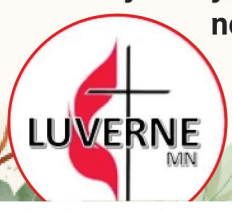
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