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A willingness to compromise by both parties will serve Minnesotans best. — A4

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COVID has killed as much as Spanish flu

COVID-19 has now killed about as many Americans as the 1918-19 Spanish flu pandemic did — approximately 675,000.

The U.S. population a century ago was just one-third of what it is today, meaning the flu cut a much bigger, more lethal swath through the country. But the COVID-19 crisis is by any measure a colossal tragedy in its own right, especially given the incredible advances in scientific knowledge since then and the failure to take maximum advantage of the vaccines available this time.

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6-3-2

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1-7-21-23-44

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Mankato, Minnesota

Teen leaves hospital in time to see fatally ill dad

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NORTH MANKATO — Having spent nearly four weeks reeling from COVID-19 in the intensive care unit of the Mankato hospital, Kian Olson returned home Thursday.

For his mother, Nissa Sugden, it meant relief from a struggle to comfort him while he lay in a hospital bed. The teen was met with a colorful lawn sign welcoming him back to the family's North

Mankato home. The reprieve was shattered for both of them, however, by a different source of grief.

Mark Olson, Kian's father, told The Free Press on Sept. 3 that doctors said nothing more could be done to battle the pancreatic cancer that had plagued him for six years.

He died early Saturday morning. He was 49.

Kian had brought Mark from a hospital

to his home, in upper North Mankato, for hospice care in mid-August. Mark had been COVID-positive at the time and was likely the source of Kian's infection.

Mark watched over Zoom as his 19-year-old son, whose longest hospital stay began Aug. 21, went from unresponsive and reliant on a ventilator to capable of holding slow conversations.

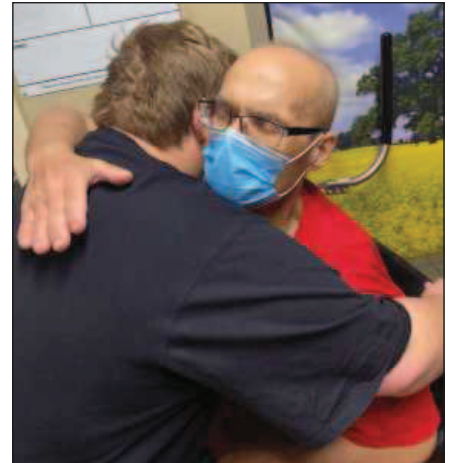
Sugden said Monday that while Kian was in the hospital, he

couldn't focus on his own recovery because he was anxious about his father's declining health.

"I was in a weird situation where I had Kian who was doing everything he could do to get out and see his dad one last time, then I had his dad who was hanging on long enough to see his son one last time," Sugden said.

Because it was an end-of-life scenario,

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Courtesy Nissa Sugden

Too weak to stand, Mark Olson closes his eyes and embraces his son, Kian Olson, at St. James Medical Center. Mark died of pancreatic cancer Saturday at age 49.

A long portage

Man carrying canoe across state for suicide prevention



Pat Christman

Evan Hansen portages his canoe along a county road near Blue Earth. Hansen is carrying the canoe 313 miles across Minnesota to raise money and awareness for suicide prevention.

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The gravel crunches under Evan Hansen's feet with every step he takes along a quiet county road outside of Blue Earth. That sound and the ever-present wind are all he hears as he walks, carrying his 15-pound Wenonah canoe across the state to raise money and awareness for suicide prevention.

The 26-year-old former Boundary Waters canoe guide is collecting more than money on his journey, which he will donate to the south-east Minnesota chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness. He adds the names of those who've lost their lives to suicide on the hull of the canoe at the request of



Pat Christman

Evan Hansen carries a canoe with the names of people who have lost their lives to suicide during his 313-mile fundraising portage across Minnesota.

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More Information

To donate to Evan Hansen's cause, or to add a name to the canoe, go to https://www.4giving.com/donation/ccc29fbclid=IwAR0jSTAE3ls4QdK\_NzBpxRW7HBYIS0yqt4z\_7Lta\_TOnSwu0G1AjTelu4Ns.

You can also follow his portage on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/portageforapurpose.



A video and photo gallery accompanies this story at: mankatofreepress.com

Pfizer: Vaccine OK for children

Authorization in U.S. sought

The Associated Press

Pfizer said Monday its COVID-19 vaccine works for children ages 5 to 11 and that it will seek U.S. authorization for this age group soon — a key step toward beginning vaccinations for youngsters.

The vaccine made by Pfizer and its German partner BioNTech already is available for anyone 12 and older. But with kids now back in school and the extra-contagious delta variant causing a huge jump in pediatric infections, many parents are anxiously awaiting vaccinations for their younger children.

For elementary school-aged kids, Pfizer tested a much lower dose — a third of the amount that's in each shot given now. Yet after their second dose, children ages 5 to 11 developed coronavirus-fighting antibody levels just as strong as teenagers and young adults getting the regular-strength shots, Dr. Bill Gruber, a Pfizer senior vice president, told The Associated Press.

The kid dosage also proved safe, with similar or fewer temporary side effects — such as sore arms, fever or achiness — that teens experience, he said.

"I think we really hit the sweet spot," said Gruber, who's also a pediatrician.

Gruber said the companies aim to apply to the Food and Drug Administration by the end of the month for emergency use in this age

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## 2021 Emmy ratings up to 7.4M viewers

**NEW YORK** — The Emmys accomplished what is becoming a rarity for awards shows these days, by actually increasing its viewership over the previous years.

The Nielsen company estimated that 7.4 million people watched Sunday night's show, where the comedy "Ted Lasso" and streaming service Netflix were the big winners.

That's up from the 6.1 million people who watched a ceremony sharply curtailed by the COVID-19 pandemic last year. The previous year, 6.9 million people watched the show that celebrates television programming.

CBS estimates the viewership number should increase slightly when Nielsen's count of people who watched outside of their homes is included. Those numbers weren't immediately available on Monday.

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# Stocks drop the most since May

## The Associated Press

Stocks on Wall Street closed sharply lower Monday, mirroring losses overseas and handing the S&P 500 index its biggest drop in four months.

Worries about heavily indebted Chinese real estate developers — and the damage they could do to investors worldwide if they default — rippled across markets. Investors are also concerned that the U.S. Federal Reserve could signal this week that it's planning to pull back some of the support measures it's been giving markets and the economy.

The S&P 500 fell 75.26 points, or 1.7%, to 4,357.73, its biggest drop since May. At one point, the benchmark index was down 2.9%, the biggest decline since last October. The S&P 500 was coming off two weeks of losses and is on track for its first monthly decline since January. The Nasdaq has gone an unusually long time without a pullback of 5% or more.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average fell 614.41 points, or 1.8%, to 33,970.47. The blue-chip index was briefly down 971 points. The Nasdaq fell 330.06 points, or 2.2%, to 14,713.90. The Hang Seng, Hong Kong's main index, dropped 3.3% for its biggest loss since July. European markets fell about 2%.

"What's happened here is that the list of risks has finally become too big to ignore," said Michael Arone, chief investment strategist at State Street Global Advisors. "There's just a lot of uncertainty at a seasonally challenging time for markets."

The worries over Chinese property developers and debt have recently centered on Evergrande, one of China's biggest real estate

developers, which looks like it may be unable to repay its debts.

The fear is that a potential collapse there could send a chain reaction through the Chinese property-development industry and spill over into the broader financial system, similar to how the failure of Lehman Brothers inflamed the 2008 financial crisis and Great Recession. Those property companies have been big drivers of the Chinese economy, which is the world's second-largest.

If they fail to make good on their debts, the heavy losses taken by investors who hold their bonds would raise worries about their financial strength. Those bondholders could also be forced to sell other, unrelated investments to raise cash, which could hurt prices in seemingly unrelated markets. It's a product of how tightly connected global markets have become, and it's a concept the financial world calls "contagion."

Many analysts say they expect China's government to prevent such a scenario, and that this does not look like a Lehman-type moment. Nevertheless, any hint of uncertainty may be enough to upset Wall Street after the S&P 500 has glided higher in almost uninterrupted fashion since October.

Besides Evergrande, several other worries have been lurking underneath the stock market's mostly calm surface.

In addition to the Fed possibly announcing that it's letting off the accelerator on its support for the economy, Congress may opt for a destructive game of chicken before allowing the U.S. Treasury to borrow more money and the COVID-19 pandemic continues to weigh on the global economy.

## Area markets

Grain prices at Monday's close.  
(Crystal Valley, Madelia)  
Corn 5.52  
Soybeans 12.17

## Meat futures

CHICAGO (AP) — Futures trading on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange Mon:

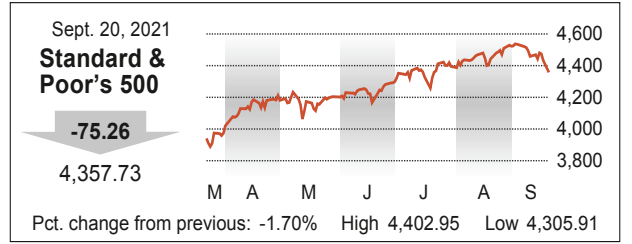
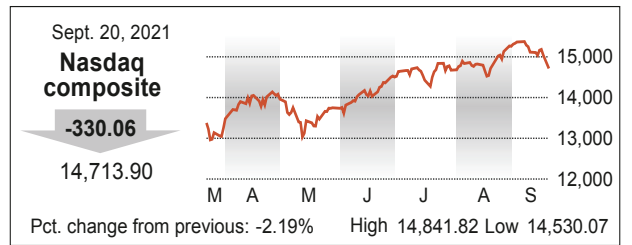
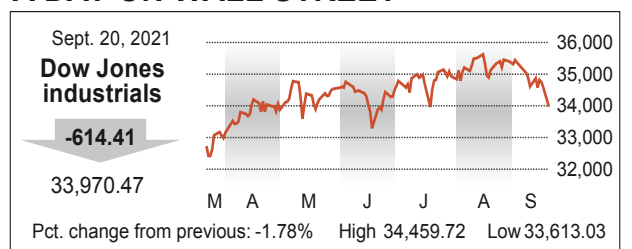
	Open	High	Low	Settle	Chg.
<b>CATTLE</b>					
40,000 lbs., cents per lb.					
Oct	122.37	122.95	121.80	122.77	-0.03
Dec	126.95	128.27	126.20	128.07	+0.55
Feb	131.00	131.82	130.25	131.52	-0.03
Apr	134.50	135.20	133.77	134.92	-0.08
Jun	129.27	129.82	128.60	129.65	-0.07
Aug	127.50	128.30	127.30	128.12	-0.18
Oct	130.65	131.00	130.10	130.77	-0.25
Dec	133.87	134.42	133.85	133.92	-0.45
Feb	136.67	136.67	136.67	136.67	-0.30
Est. sales 45,813.Fri.'s sales 44,191					
Fri.'s open int 290,868					
<b>FEEDER CATTLE</b>					
50,000 lbs., cents per lb.					
Sep	154.17	155.40	153.77	155.00	+1.3
Oct	155.77	157.02	154.95	156.67	+0.30
Nov	155.27	156.97	154.82	156.62	+0.52
Jan	156.32	157.60	155.80	157.27	+0.20
Mar	157.25	158.37	156.55	157.87	
Apr	159.52	160.20	158.82	160.20	+0.10
May	161.30	162.12	160.70	161.85	-0.05
Aug	167.00	168.50	167.00	168.50	+0.80
Est. sales 12,968.Fri.'s sales 14,725					
Fri.'s open int 42,641, up 847					
<b>HOGS/LEAN</b>					
40,000 lbs., cents per lb.					
Oct	85.27	85.82	84.55	84.97	-0.75
Dec	73.97	75.22	71.50	74.22	-0.83
Feb	77.35	78.40	74.82	77.05	-1.17
Apr	80.95	81.90	78.50	80.57	-1.33
May	84.20	85.05	83.80	84.55	-1.25
Jun	90.12	90.85	87.55	89.57	-1.25
Jul	89.30	90.67	87.47	89.42	-1.05
Aug	87.87	89.27	86.10	87.87	-1.18
Oct	75.97	76.60	74.15	75.65	-0.55
Dec	69.85	71.50	69.85	70.87	-0.43
Feb	75.75	—	—	—	—
Est. sales 37,703.Fri.'s sales 36,042					
Fri.'s open int 240,797					
<b>PORK BELLIES</b>					
40,000 lbs., cents per lb.					
No open contracts.					

## Grain futures

CHICAGO (AP) — Futures trading on the Chicago Board of Trade Mon.

	Open	High	Low	Settle	Chg.
<b>WHEAT</b>					
5,000 bu minimum, cents per bushel					
Dec	708	710%	695%	700%	-8
Mar	718%	720%	706%	711%	-8 1/4
May	722	722%	709%	715	-7
Jul	701%	704%	692%	699%	-4
Sep	703	703%	695%	702%	-3 1/4
Dec	709%	709%	702	708 1/4	-3 1/2
Mar	707%	710%	707 1/2	710%	-2 1/4
May	699%	—	—	—	—
Jul	676%	679%	676%	679%	-2 1/2
Sep	669%	—	—	—	—
Dec	682	—	—	—	—
Mar	682	—	—	—	—
May	682	—	—	—	—
Jul	627	632 1/2	627	632 1/2	-13
Est. sales 15,836.Fri.'s sales 47,661					
Fri.'s open int 352,860					
<b>CORN</b>					
5,000 bu minimum, cents per bushel					
Dec	527	527	515 1/4	521 1/4	-5 1/2
Mar	534 1/4	534 1/4	523 1/4	529 1/4	-4 1/2
May	538	538	528	534 1/4	-3 1/4
Jul	536 1/4	536 1/4	526 1/4	533 1/4	-2 1/4
Sep	505	506 1/4	499 1/4	505 1/4	-1 1/4
Dec	502 3/4	503 1/4	497 1/4	501 1/4	-1 1/2
Mar	508	510 1/4	505	508 3/4	-1 1/4
May	512	—	—	—	—
Jul	512	513 3/4	511	513 1/4	-1
Sep	478 1/4	+2	—	—	—
Dec	465	469	463 1/2	466 3/4	+1 1/2
Jul	476	+1 1/2	—	—	—
Dec	436	438	436	436 3/4	+ 1/4
Est. sales 195,153.Fri.'s sales 178,777					
Fri.'s open int 1,381,617, up 4,177					
<b>OATS</b>					
5,000 bu minimum, cents per bushel					
Dec	542	545	525 1/4	532 1/4	-10 1/2
Mar	537	540	526 1/4	531	-7
May	536	536	530 1/4	530 1/4	-0 1/4
Jul	525	525	524 1/4	524 1/4	-3 1/2
Sep	471	474	471	474	-3 1/2
Dec	458 1/4	-3 1/2	—	—	—
Mar	458 1/4	-3 1/2	—	—	—
May	458 1/4	-3 1/2	—	—	—
Jul	458 1/4	-3 1/2	—	—	—
Sep	458 1/4	-3 1/2	—	—	—
Jul	458 1/4	-3 1/2	—	—	—

## A DAY ON WALL STREET



## NYSE diary

Advanced: 532

Declined: 2,798

Unchanged: 108

Volume: 5 b

## Nasdaq diary

Advanced: 788

Declined: 3,695

Unchanged: 154

Volume: 4.9 b

Sep 458 1/4 -3 1/2

Est. sales 807.Fri.'s sales 377

Fri.'s open int 4,520

SOYBEANS

5,000 bu minimum, cents per bushel

Nov 1285 1286 1262 1262 1/2 -2 1/2

Jan 1294 1294 1271 1/4 1271 1/4 -21 1/4

Mar 1296 1296 1275 1/2 1276 1/2 -21

May 1303 1303 1281 1/4 1282 1/2 -20

Jul 1305 1305 1284 1/4 1286 -19

Aug 1289 1289 1276 1/2 1278 -18 1/2

Nov 1255 1255 1251 1252 1/2 -17 1/4

Jan 1246 1246 1238 1/4 1239 1/4 -16 1/4

Mar 1233 1233 1221 1/4 1223 1/4 -15 1/4

May 1219 1219 1219 1219 1/4 -15 1/4

Jul 1219 1219 1220 1220 -15 1/4

Aug 1214 -15 1/4

Sep 1178 -13 1/4

Nov 1183 1183 1175 1176 1/2 -12 1/4

Jul 1177 1177 -12 1/4

Nov 1114 1114 -12 1/4

Est. sales 126,257.Fri.'s sales 117,751

Fri.'s open int 658,027, up 602

SOYBEAN OIL

60,000 lbs, cents per lb

Oct 56.39 56.39 54.84 54.91 -1.38

Dec 56.35 56.36 54.80 54.87 -1.39

Jan 56.45 56.45 54.90 54.99 -1.37

Mar 56.50 56.54 55.00 55.08 -1.35

May 56.54 56.54 55.04 55.12 -1.30

Jul 56.02 56.02 55.00 55.05 -1.21

Aug 55.00 55.12 54.75 54.75 -1.13