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\$4.09

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High: \$4.89 Low: \$4.69

Prices reported this morning on grandrapidsgasprices.com

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Scare slices tomatoes from menu

Reports of salmonella poisoning prompt stores and restaurants to pull many varieties

BY CHRIS KNAPE THE GRAND RAPIDS PRESS

You may need to hold the "T" in that BLT for a little while. A warning Saturday by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration not to eat certain kinds of raw tomatoes be-

cause of the risk of salmonella poisoning has stores, distributors and restaurants removing popular varieties of the red fruit from shelves and menus. Grand Rapids-based Gordon Food Service, one of the nation's largest distributors to restaurants, began pulling raw red plum, Roma and round tomatoes from distribution centers shortly after the FDA issued its warning. So did Family Fare and D&W owner Spartan Stores Inc., which removed them from its retail stores and distribution center. McDonald's and Panera Bread were

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FACT SHEET



No danger: Tomatoes on the vine and cherry and grape tomatoes are not linked to salmonella.

Many tomatoes still OK The FDA says it is safe to eat:

- Tomatoes attached to the vine, cherry and grape tomatoes, homegrown tomatoes
- Those from Arkansas, North and South Carolina, California, Tennessee, Georgia, Hawaii, Texas, Puerto Rico
- Imports from Belgium, Canada, Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Israel, Netherlands

'Such a subtle killer'

WATER'S DESTRUCTIVE POWER BUILDS SLOWLY, EXPLODES WITH DEADLY FORCE



COURTESY PHOTO/TROOPER GEORGE DUNCAN, MICHIGAN STATE POLICE

Rescue struggle: Saugatuck Township Fire District personnel work to get into the car that fell into a ravine created by flash flooding. The rushing water washed out a section of Lakeshore Drive south of Douglas and claimed two lives.

Darkness, rushing water hampered search for car, recovery of bodies

Firefighters braved mudslides, flooded ravine to find victims of road washout

BY JOHN AGAR THE GRAND RAPIDS PRESS

SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP — As floodwaters gushed through a gaping section of Lakeshore Drive that had been washed away, firefighters realized early on that their search for a missing vehicle — and the two people inside — would be a recovery effort, not a rescue.

But a nagging thought stayed with Greg Janik, deputy chief for the Saugatuck Township Fire District. "You don't know," he said. "There's always that chance. What if? What if?" In Sunday morning's darkness, he and other rescuers used floodlights and flashlights as they worked their way over broken concrete and large rocks that once shored up the culvert below the road. It was a wide area to search, a 50-foot-deep ravine that wiped out a 100-foot stretch of road. They knew the family of Clarissa Green, 51, and her nephew, Dean Taylor, 17 — reported missing while delivering newspapers — waited nearby for the news. Family had spotted the washout, concerned for the two who

were acting as subcontractors for a Grand Rapids Press delivery contractor. "It was emotional," Janik said Monday. He was the first one on the scene. "It was one of the most difficult recoveries. But for me, I tried to stay focused on the task at hand and do the best we can as a team. But it was very difficult. It could've been any one of us. It could've been someone we know." Rescuers eventually found the overturned car, about 100 feet downstream in about 3 feet of rushing water. Barring a miracle, it was obvious no one could survive. "The dangerous part of it was ... the

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BY JOHN TUNISON AND PAT SHELLENBARGER THE GRAND RAPIDS PRESS

SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP — As road crews worked Monday on a temporary repair for the washed-out section of Lakeshore Drive where two people died Sunday, nearby residents hoped for no more rain that would further weaken the ground beneath the pavement. Soil under two other sections of the road just north of the washout also has partially eroded. Chuck and Susan Bunting say they are worried about the stability of the road, but not about their house about 200 feet from a bluff over Lake Michigan. "It's got a ways to go before it gets to the house," Susan Bunting said. The Buntings weighed the risk of buying their house four years ago, knowing that living so close to Lake Michigan carries some peril. They live just south of a 1985 bluff washout that destroyed a small section of Lakeshore Drive that was never rebuilt, and north of the new washout. "There are some spots in here where the road only has a few feet from going off the edge," she said. Allegan County Road Commission officials said Monday they hope to build a temporary one-lane road at the site of Sunday morning's washout, with full repairs, expected to cost \$200,000, to come later. The new washout is different from the 1985 collapse because it was caused by inland drainage as opposed to shoreline erosion, Road Commission Director Bill Nelson said. National Weather Service hydrologist Mark Walton said the force of water from heavy rains should not be underestimated. "The power of water is incredible," he said. "You don't realize how powerful it is until you're in it and you're out of control. It's such a subtle killer. It's

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TRACKING THE STORY

Undermining the roads: Erosion shuts down Lakeshore routes



Northbound U.S. 31 from Int. 196 to Washington Avenue in Holland is closed because the soil eroded from beneath the pavement.



Water backed up behind a culvert washed out a portion of Lakeshore Drive in Saugatuck Township early Sunday, causing two deaths.



Another portion of Lakeshore Drive nearby was closed after erosion ate away the edge of the road.

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