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Neighbors work to Clear a snow-packed Smith Street between Beaubien and St.Antoine in 1974. A total of 18.9 inches of snow fell over the Detroit area in the 24-hour period beginning at 4:53 a.m. Dec. 1, 1974, bringing the giant city and its suburbs to a near standstill. IRA ROSENBERG/DETROIT FREE PRESS

## One of MI's deadliest blizzards happened about 51 years ago

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One of the most devastating natural disasters in Michigan history struck 51 years ago on this date, turning the days after Thanksgiving into a surreal winter landscape for the city.

From Dec. 1-2, 1974, the Detroit area was buried under relentless snow, with fierce northeast winds whipping drifts high and cutting visibility to near zero.

The storm brought the state to a standstill. Highways became ribbons of abandoned cars, with stranded motorists huddled against the cold. Emergency shelters filled quickly as thousands of residents and holiday travelers sought refuge. Even daily life ground to a halt — and the University of Michigan canceled classes for the first time in 140 years.

“The development and track of this super snowstorm was complicated and quite a hassle for forecasters that

Thanksgiving weekend,” wrote Bill Deedler, weather historian at the National Weather Service in White Lake.

“Generally in the majority of snowstorms there may be a period or two of heavy snow with large flakes and a quick accumulation of snow. During this storm however, there were several periods, or waves, of heavy snow with continuous large flakes and very low visibilities, migrating in from the east over the region,” he added.

The blizzard proved deadly, and 27 lives were lost, many from heart attacks among those who braved shoveling through the deep, wet snow.

**How much snow fell in the Detroit Blizzard of 1974?**

In a 24-hour period, more than 19 inches of snow fell in Detroit.

- **Detroit Metro Airport:** 19.3 inches total (19.2 in 24 hours)
- **Metro Detroit area:** 18-18.5 inches

- **Flint:** 8.1 inches
- **Snow drifts:** 3-5 feet in parts of southeast Michigan

“A stiff northeaster’ also accompanied this storm, though not as severely as the 1886 storm, averaging 20 to 30 mph with gusts above 30 mph,” Deedler added.

**Is the 1974 blizzard the deadliest winter disaster in Michigan history?**

The 1974 blizzard was one of the most severe winter storms in southeast Michigan’s recent memory, but it’s not the deadliest on record. The storm claimed 27 lives — mostly from heart attacks while residents shoveled heavy, wet snow — and left thousands stranded.

On a larger scale, the Great Lakes Storm of 1913, nicknamed the “White Hurricane,” struck Nov. 7-10, killing an

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## Obaid sentenced for sexual assault of local girl

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A Hamtramck man who sexually assaulted a 12-year-old girl in February 2024 has been sentenced to prison.

Circuit Court Judge Michael West ordered Mansoor Obaid, 23, to serve a minimum of six years and up to 15 years in prison Monday, Dec. 1, for second- and third-degree criminal sexual conduct.

Though Obaid alleged he did not know the victim was a juvenile, West expressed skepticism that he could have mistaken a 12-year-old for an adult.

In addition to prison, Obaid will have to register as a sex offender upon his release and wear a GPS tracker for the rest of his life.

As part of the plea deal reached Oct. 27, he admitted to two counts of second-degree criminal sexual conduct and one count of third-degree criminal sexual conduct.

Four other charges against Obaid were dropped as part of a plea agreement, including two counts of first-degree criminal sexual conduct, one count of accosting a child for immoral purposes and one count of using a computer to commit a crime.

Obaid was arrested in May, 15 months after the assault, after testing of a sexual assault nurse examination kit, also known as a rape kit, found he was a genetic match recovered during an examination of the victim.

Obaid had driven to Port Huron from Hamtramck to pick up a group of teens, including the victim. After dropping off the other teens he drove the victim to a parking lot and forced her into the back seat, where he raped her.

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## Daliono's owners plan to close Marysville restaurant

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A restaurant in Marysville has announced it will be closing permanently later this month.

Daliono's of Marysville announced in a Facebook post it will be closed starting Dec. 14.

The post cited ongoing health issues and economic struggles as the reason behind the decision to close.

“Unfortunately, we have not been

able to recover from the long-term impacts of the pandemic,” the restaurant owners wrote in a Facebook post Monday, Dec. 1. “In addition, ongoing and serious health challenges with mother (having cancer) and daughter (having incurable autoimmune disease) made it

impossible for us to continue operating in the way we believe you deserve.”

Located at 3150 Gratiot Blvd. near Range Road and across from Meijer, the restaurant has been open since 2008.

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