Some of the coldest air recorded in the month of March in our region arrived the day after the snowstorm, hampering snow removal efforts.

LOW TEMPS: The low temperature of 6 below zero at Paducah on March 6 was the coldest reading not only for the date, but also for the month of March. The low temperature was 8 below zero at Cape Girardeau on March 6, which was the first below-zero reading in the month of March since records began there in 1960. The low temperature was zero at Evansville on March 6. This was only the fifth time a temperature of zero or below had been recorded in the month of March there.

IMPACTS: In Hickman, Kentucky, a 60-year-old man died of hypothermia while seeking shelter after a car accident. The man did not sustain any injuries in the crash, which occurred while snow was falling during the night. He was wearing a thin layer of clothes. Road crews stopped spreading salt because of its ineffectiveness in the cold weather.

WEATHER SYNOPSIS: In the wake of a strong cold front that passed through on the night of the 3rd, an arctic high pressure center moved southeast into the central Plains.