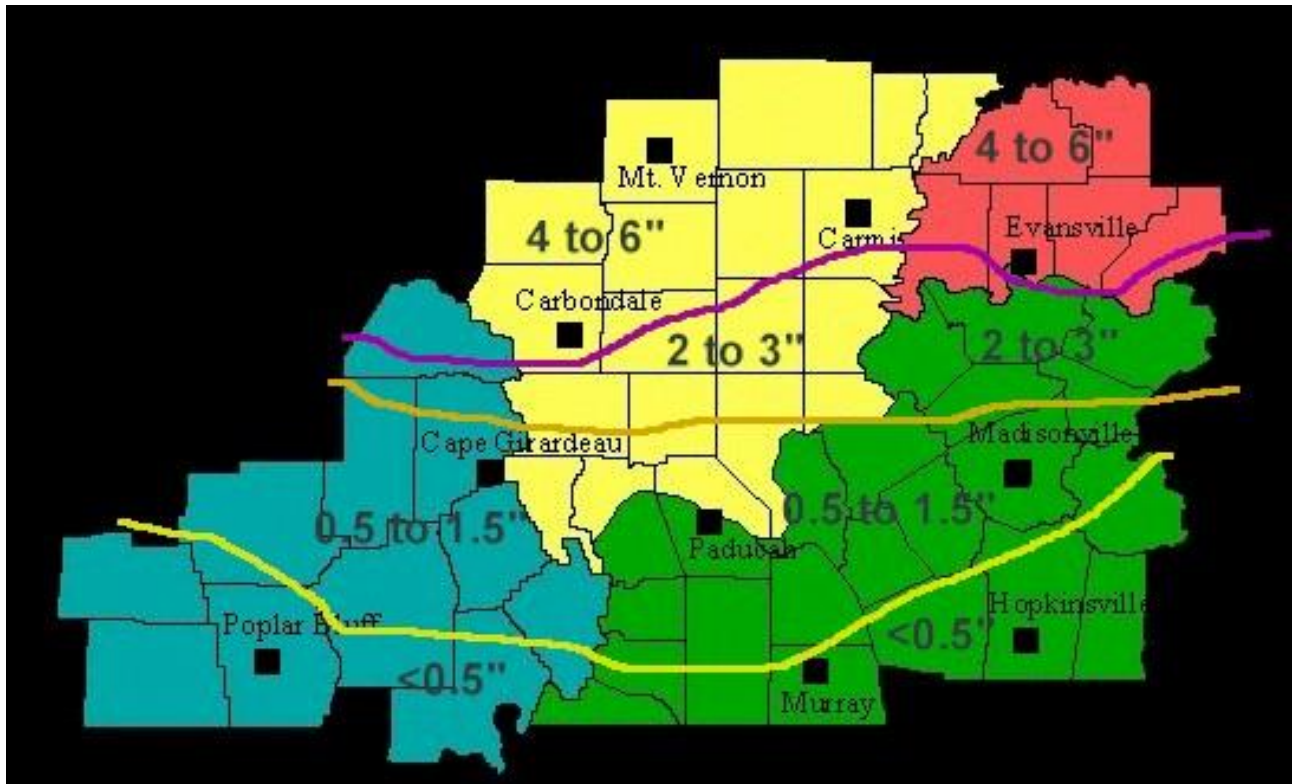


Winter Storm, Feb. 16, 2003

The Evansville Tri-State area received the brunt of a winter storm that began during the evening of February 15th and lasted about 24 hours. The precipitation was mainly in the form of sleet. Several inches of sleet, mixed with freezing rain and snow, resulted in major travel disruptions. Multi-vehicle pileups and highway closures were reported in Evansville near the beginning of the winter storm. A thick layer of ice caused by the compacted sleet and freezing rain mixture made travel difficult at best. The storm occurred on the Presidents Day weekend. Most schools and businesses scheduled to be open on Presidents Day were closed. The weight of the sleet caused docks at an Evansville marina to start sinking. Three covered boat houses, each holding 40 to 45 boats, were threatened. The storm's effects were much less severe across most of southeast Missouri and the Tennessee border region of western Kentucky. Accumulations in those areas were generally an inch or less.

The following are accumulations of sleet, snow, and ice reported mostly by cooperative observers, spotters, and emergency managers.

ILLINOIS	
Pinckneyville, IL (Perry Co.)	6.0 inches
Dix, IL (Jefferson Co.)	6.0 inches
Grayville, IL (Edwards/White)	6.0 inches
West Frankfort, IL (Franklin Co.)	4.5 inches
Carbondale, IL (Jackson Co.)	4.0 inches
Anna, IL (Union Co.)	2.0 inches
Harrisburg, IL (Saline Co.)	2.4 inches
INDIANA	
Evansville, IN	4.3 inches (1.52" liquid equivalent)
Boonville, IN (Warrick Co.)	4.0 inches
Fort Branch, IN (Gibson Co.)	4.0 inches
Grandview, IN (Spencer Co.)	3.0 inches
KENTUCKY	
Owensboro	3.0 inches
Dixon (Webster Co.)	2.0 inches
Paducah	1.3 inches
Hopkinsville	0.2 inch ice
MISSOURI	
Perryville, MO (Perry Co.)	4.0 inches
Cape Girardeau	1.5 inches
Marble Hill (Bollinger Co.)	1.0 inch



Photos of the sleet accumulation. Street scene photo from Norm Bredenkamp in Grayville, Illinois. Park photo from Charlie Kiesel in Fort Branch, Indiana.