As far as the weather service is concerned, winter ends today in the Midwest.

The National Weather Service bases its winter weather records on the three months from December through February. And in those months, La Crosse has had about 40 inches of snow...almost twice what we received last winter. Because our snow cover should keep temperatures low, forecaster Jeff Boyne does not expect a repeat of last year's record warmth in March. January was the driest month this winter in La Crosse, with only six-and-a-half inches of snow, and most of that fell during a storm at the very end of the month.