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Autumn in Anderson to begin on gray note

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Fall will make a cloudy fanfare on Wednesday, forecasters predict, with a slight chance of rain.

There's only a 30 percent chance of showers for the first day of the season, but that increases favorably as the weekend nears.

There is a slight chance of isolated showers around Greenville-Spartanburg International Airport Monday through Wednesday, said Jeffrey Taylor, a meteorologist at the National Weather Service.

The best chance of rain for Anderson comes at the end of a mostly gray week. Thursday through Sunday could yield up to half an inch of rain, Taylor said. That would bring the monthly total just short of 1 inch of rain, still 2.43 inches lower than the September average.

"The bottom line is we're having some systems come throughout the week that will bring chances," he said.

Both fronts are traveling west, leading to chances of afternoon and evening showers by the weekend.

Forecasted highs should reach the high 70s and low 80s, and lows range from the 50s to the 60s, which is normal for September, Taylor said.

Monday is expected to be cloudy with high of 78 degrees and a low of 59. Tuesday's high is predicted at 84 degrees, with a low of 63 and a 30 percent chance of showers. Wednesday the chance of rain increases to 50 percent. The day's high is predicted for 82 with a low of 65.

Lake levels shifted significantly in Lake Jocassee, down 2 inches from a week ago. Hartwell Lake's pool level was reported at 653.95 feet Sunday, with full pool at 660 feet. Lake Keowee remained at 95 feet, according to lake websites.

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