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High Temperatures will drop 20 degrees by Wednesday

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ANDERSON — Weather will pack a one-two punch this week, says a meteorologist, with rain and a drop in daily high temperatures of more than 20 degrees by Wednesday.

Monday stalled 2 degrees shy of breaking the record high of 86 degrees set in 1916, said Doug Outlaw, meteorologist at the National Weather Service. The temperature at the Anderson Regional Airport at 4:30 p.m. Monday was 84 degrees.

"This is probably the warmest day that we'll have for quite some time, maybe until next spring," he said.

Even the mountains warmed up on Monday; Asheville's high reached 81 degrees. Monday's highs were about 5 degrees above normal. The normal high for mid October is 71 degrees, and it will be sometime before chilly normal highs arrive. Nov. 25 marks the first day of 60-degree normal highs, he said.

Today has a 30 percent chance of showers and a high of 79. There is a 90 percent chance of showers starting tonight with half an inch to an inch of rain forecast.

Wednesday's high drops to 65 and stays in the 60s until Sunday. The day has a 60-percent chance of rain and a low of 42 and a high of 64. Thursday clears up to a sunny high of 63 and drops to 39. Friday is sunny with a high of 63 degrees and a low of 41.

Sinking lake levels continue to indicate a lack of rain. Hartwell Lake stood at 651.86 feet on Monday, according to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Lake Jocassee is down 2 feet from a week ago and stands 25 feet below full pool level. Lake Keowee is down a foot from last week, 5 feet below full pool level.



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