Sunny day chases the clouds away



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Katie Young, her daughter Madison and dog Jeter, in the foreground, join nanny Shelly Wyatt and her charge Olivia Shortridge for an outing in Legacy Park in Greenville on Saturday.

New season puts spring in people's steps

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Spring will arrive at 1:32 p.m. today.

"That's the vernal equinox," said Patrick Moore, a spokesman for the National Weather Service in Greer. "That's the point when the sun will be directly over the equator."

But the Upstate didn't wait Friday to welcome the warmer weather, as residents flocked outdoors to enjoy temperatures in the 70s.

A high of 73 degrees was recorded at 3:54 p.m., said Justin Lane, also a spokesman for the National Weather Service.

The record for Friday's date is 84 degrees, set in 1963, he said.

It will be "another warm day" for much of today, he said.

Skies will be sunny, and the high should reach the mid-70s.

Sunday will start out as a cooler version of Saturday, but rain probably will move in late in the afternoon or at night, Lane said.