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Rain expected Tuesday and Wednesday in Anderson area

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ANDERSON — Pull out the umbrellas and leave them by the door because rain is here to stay until Thursday. The heaviest rain falls Tuesday and continues into Wednesday.

A trace of rain fell Monday between 10 a.m. and 11 a.m.

There is a 60 percent to 80 percent chance of rain through Wednesday night totaling about an inch in the Anderson area. Skies will clear Thursday morning for a sunny weekend.

The overcast week brings highs slightly above normal temperatures, said John Tomko, a meteorologist at the National Weather Service. A high of 57 degrees and a low of 36 are normal for December, but highs are forecast to be 62 degrees today and Wednesday.

Thursday, forecast to be the coldest night this week, the temperature will drop to 33.

Such temperatures drive so many people to the Salvation Army Thrift Store on Main Street that coat racks are sparse by December, said store supervisor Kelly Justice.

"This time of year we are always short," she said. "We save all summer but our racks are nearly empty."

The store needs coats, gloves, hats, scarves and mittens for children and adults.

While Upstate lakes need much more than an inch of rain to catch up with target levels, Hartwell Lake gained depth over the past week.

The lake stood at 651.56 feet Monday, according to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, a foot and a half deeper than Nov. 27.

Duke energy measurements determined Lake Jocassee stood at 24 feet below full pool level. Lake Keowee stood at 5 feet below full pool.



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