

**POLICY OF NONDISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS OF DISABILITY STATUS**  
 The Town of Kershaw does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the admission, or access to, or treatment or employment in, its federally assisted programs or activities.  
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 has been designated to coordinate compliance with the nondiscrimination requirements contained in the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) regulations implementing Section 504 (24 CFR Part 8, dated June 2, 1988). KNE1x010726

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funding in the previous administration's massive energy and infrastructure laws. This threw the future of the two energy efficiency programs into question, alongside several other initiatives, including grants for solar programs that help low-income communities and funding to expand the availability of public electric vehicle chargers along the U.S. interstate system.

In early June, Secretary of Energy Chris Wright told a U.S. House energy panel that his agency's review was ongoing.

"By the end of this summer or middle of this summer, we are going to have clarity on most of the big projects," Wright said.

But where the energy efficiency rebates fit into that review is unclear, and nothing appears to have changed since that hearing.

South Carolina joined the queue near the end of July, submitting its plan for final approval.

While the Energy Office is prepared to select a contractor, it too will remain on hold until federal sign-offs resume.

Other programs As for those other energy-related programs, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency announced in August it was terminating a \$124 million Solar For All grant won by South Carolina's Office of Resilience. While other states have filed lawsuits in an effort to keep their funding, South Carolina did not.

The state Office of Resilience was still in its first year of planning when the funding was pulled, so the agency had

yet to work out details for spending the grant.

EPA Administrator Lee Zeldin pointed to a provision in Republican's "One, Big, Beautiful" spending package repealing the fund that housed the money.

"EPA no longer has the authority to administer the program, or the appropriated funds to keep this boondoggle alive," Zeldin said in a video posted to social media.

The provision applied only to "unobligated" funds, however, and the states suing to hold on to the money argue the environmental agency had awarded all \$7 billion of the program's grant money.

Court battles also took place earlier in 2025 over electric vehicle charging funds.

The Federal Highway Administration stopped sending out dollars for the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure program, known as NEVI, in February.

Twenty states, the District of Columbia and half a dozen environmental groups sued the Trump administration over the paused funding. The money remained on ice until a federal judge, in June, ordered the freeze be lifted.

In August, the highway agency sent notices out to states, letting them know they could reapply.

The agency has since approved South Carolina's new application.

The state is eligible for about \$70 million and will start looking for contractors to build charging stations sometime in 2026, according to the state's transportation department.

**RECIPE**

**Slow cooking is a go-to option for busy home cooks**

Slow cooking is appealing for a number of reasons. Busy home cooks know that slow cooking ensures a home-cooked meal is ready and waiting when arriving home from work. And cooks accustomed to slow cooking know the aromas emanating from slow cookers throughout the day

can make anyone look forward to dinnertime.

Winter is an especially popular time to utilize a slow cooker, which are widely associated with hot and hearty meals. Such is the case with this Lines+Angles recipe for "Beef Stew," which makes a great dinner on busy, cold nights.

**Beef Stew**  
 Makes 6 servings

- 2 pounds boneless stew beef
- 1 teaspoon coarse salt
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 1/3 cup all-purpose flour
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 onions, peeled and diced
- 1 clove of garlic, peeled



**Matt Broughton gets promoted at LCSO**



*Please join us in congratulating Deputy Matt Broughton on his recent promotion to the rank of Corporal with the Lancaster County Sheriff's Office. Corporal Broughton joined our agency just a year and a half ago after transitioning from many years of dedicated service in the fire service. In a short amount of time, he has proven himself to be a committed and active member of our team. In addition to his daily duties, Corporal Broughton serves as a member of our SWAT Team and is also one of our certified drone pilots, providing valuable support during critical operations. These photos capture Corporal Broughton receiving his corporal pins from Major Matt Shaw, as well as a moment with Sheriff Faile, who congratulated him on this well-earned achievement. We are proud of Corporal Broughton and look forward to his continued leadership and service to our agency and the citizens of Lancaster County.*

and finely chopped  
 3 carrots, peeled, trimmed and thickly sliced  
 3 ribs of celery, rinsed, trimmed and diced  
 6 medium new or red bliss potatoes, rinsed and quartered  
 2 bay leaves  
 2 teaspoons sweet paprika  
 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce  
 1/2 cup red wine  
 2 cups vegetable or beef broth

1. Rinse the beef under cold running water and pat completely dry with paper towels. Using a sharp knife, cut the beef into generous bite-size pieces.
2. Combine the salt, pepper and flour. Place the cubed beef in a large resealable plastic storage bag. Add the seasoned flour and shake to thoroughly coat the beef with flour.
3. Heat the oil in a heavy bottomed skillet over medium heat. Add the flour-coated beef and brown on all sides.
4. Place browned beef in the crock pot. Add onions, garlic, carrots, celery, potatoes, bay leaves, paprika, Worcestershire sauce, wine, and broth.
5. Cover and cook for 1 hour on high and reduce heat to low and continue cooking for 6 hours, or until meat is tender and vegetables are cooked through.
6. Remove bay leaves and discard. Ladle stew into individual serving bowls and serve.

Note: Cooking time may vary depending on age and size of the slow cooker.

**Attorney General Alan Wilson announces Upstate woman charged with stealing almost \$21,000 from nursing home resident**

(COLUMBIA, S.C.) – South Carolina Attorney General Alan Wilson announced that his office's Vulnerable Adults and Medicaid Provider Fraud unit (VAMPF) has arrested Crystal Rochelle Walker, 46 years old, of Seneca, S.C.

Walker faces the following charges:

**kids' corner**

**People FACT:**

This term for restaurant workers typically refers to those who wait on tables.

Answer: Servers

**How they say that in...**

- English:** Food
- Spanish:** Comida
- Italian:** Cibo
- French:** Nourriture
- German:** Essen

One count of Exploitation of a Vulnerable Adult (§ 43-35-85(D))  
 One count of Breach of Trust with Fraudulent Intent, value \$10,000 or more (§ 16-13-230(A))  
 Walker was booked into the Oconee County Detention Center on January 2, 2026.

An investigation conducted by VAMPF revealed allegations that Crystal Walker abused her power of attorney authority over a vulnerable adult. Between January 1, 2022, and October 5, 2023, Walker is accused of misappropriating approximately \$20,872.70 from the victim's funds for her own personal use, with the alleged intent to permanently deprive the victim of those resources.

During the period of the alleged mis-

**Math Blocks**  
 Fill in the missing blocks with numbers between 0-20. The numbers in each row add up to the totals on the right. The numbers in each column add up to the totals on the bottom.

		11	34
2		15	27
	5		20
29	18	34	

Solution

8	5	7
15	10	2
11	3	20

**Get Scrambled**  
 Unscramble the words to determine the phrase.  
**KMEA A SERVRENOTAI**

Answer: Make a reservation

**THIS DAY IN HISTORY**

- JAN 5
- 1781:** Richmond, Virginia, is burned by British naval forces during the American Revolutionary War.
  - 1875:** The opera house the Palais Garnier opens in Paris.
  - 1911:** Kappa Alpha, the oldest Black fraternity, is founded.

**NEW WORD GRATUITY**  
 a tip given for service

**Did You Know?**

When it comes to the busiest day of the year for the restaurant industry, Mother's Day tops the list for bookings and footfall.



**Get the PICTURE?**



Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

Answer: Restaurant host

conduct, the victim—a vulnerable adult as defined under South Carolina law—resided at Seneca Health and Rehabilitation, a skilled nursing facility in Seneca, South Carolina.

The facility referred the matter to VAMPF. The case will be prosecuted by the South Carolina Attorney General's Office.

South Carolina Felony Offenses and Penalties:

Exploitation of a Vulnerable Adult – Felony, punishable by imprisonment for not more than 5 years, a fine of not more than \$5,000, or both. Breach of Trust with Fraudulent Intent (value \$10,000 or more) – Felony, punishable by imprisonment for not more than 10 years or a fine in the discretion of the court.

Pursuant to federal regulations, VAMPF has authority over Medicaid provider fraud; abuse and neglect of Medicaid beneficiaries in any setting; and the abuse, neglect, and exploitation of individuals residing in assisted living facilities or nursing homes.

Attorney General Wilson stressed that all defendants are presumed innocent unless and until they are proven guilty in a court of law.

The South Carolina Medicaid Fraud Control Unit, dba VAMPF, receives 75 percent of its funding from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services under a grant award totaling \$2,964,287 for federal fiscal year 2026. The remaining 25 percent, totaling \$988,096 for FFY 2026, is funded by South Carolina.