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(Continued from page 1.) heat-related health issues, according to the National Weather Service experimental HeatRisk product.

Many experienced triple-digit heat indices, with daily low temperatures that didn't drop below the mid-80s for some, offering little relief at night.

Records have fallen Some all-time heat records were tied or broken as well as numerous daily records broken.

On June 30, La Crosse, Wisconsin's low temperature was only 81 degrees, tying it with four other dates for the city's all-time warmest low dating to 1872. That most recently happened on July 4, 2012.

Various other record warm lows for the date were set June 30 in Rockford, Illinois (77); Des Moines, IA (78); Louisville, Kentucky (79); and Topeka, Kansas (79).

Daily high temperatures were tied or broken on July 1 in Roanoke, Virginia (100); Cleveland, Ohio (97); To-

ledo, OH (99); Washington-Dulles (97); Syracuse, New York (96); Montpelier, Vermont (92); Caribou, Maine (90); and Mount Pocono, Pennsylvania (90).

Daily low temperature records fell on July 1 in Chicago-O'Hare (80); Madison, Wisconsin (79); Flint, Michigan (78); Buffalo, New York (75); and Fort Wayne, Indiana (74), among some others.

July 2 saw more than 20 record highs. A few of the most notable are: Newark (104), Philadelphia (103), Washington, D.C. (102), Boston (101), Atlantic City (103), Wilmington (101), New York City's Central Park (100).

New York City's Central Park reached 100 degrees Thursday, their first triple-digit high in almost 14 years (July 18, 2012).

Caribou, Maine, saw their low only drop to 71 degrees, which tied their all-time warmest low temperature. This has only happened a handful of times since 1939.

Numerous records also fell on July 3. Some notable ones include Atlantic City, New Jersey (105); Williamsport, Pennsylvania (100); Baltimore Inner Harbor, Maryland (103); Washington National D.C. (102); Raleigh, North Carolina (101); Nashville, Tennessee (101); Norfolk, Virginia

(99); Providence, Rhode Island (98); Elkins, West Virginia (94); and Mansfield, Ohio (94).

July Fourth saw quite a few daily record highs as well, including Washington, D.C. (103); Baltimore, Maryland (102); Georgetown, Delaware (102); Raleigh, North Carolina (103);

Norfolk, Virginia (100); Salisbury, Maryland (102); Lynchburg, Virginia (101); New Bern, North Carolina (97); Fayetteville, North Carolina (100); and Charlottesville, Virginia (101).

Atlantic City, New Jersey reached 106 degrees, breaking their all-time record high temperature.

Get Back-to-School Ready: Purchase Your Child's Birth Certificate Online

Jackson, Miss. – The first day of school is right around the corner, with some starting before August. To simplify the school registration process, the Mississippi State Department of Health (MSDH) Office of Vital Records is reminding parents that they can skip the lines by purchasing their children's birth certificates on-

line at www.VitalChek.com Parents may also purchase birth certificates by mail or phone, or by visiting the Vital Records office from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays through Fridays.

MSDH Office of Vital Records
222 Marketridge Drive,
Ridgeland
(Off Highland Colony

Parkway)
For more information, call (877) 295-4229 or visit www.msdh.ms.gov/birth-certificate Stay up to date on news on the MSDH Healthy Mobile App, on our website www.msdh.ms.gov, and on social media: facebook.com/healthyms, twitter.com/msdh and [Instagram.com/healthyms](https://instagram.com/healthyms)

2025 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report TOWN OF CRUGER PWS ID# 0260005 June 2026

We are pleased to present to you this year's Annual Drinking Water Quality Report. This report is a snapshot of last year's water quality. Included are details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to standards set by regulatory agencies. Our constant goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. We want you to understand the efforts we make to continually improve the water treatment process and protect our water resources. We are committed to ensuring the quality of your water and to providing you with this information, because informed customers are our best allies. Our water source is groundwater. Our wells draw from the Meridian Upper Wilcox Aquifer.

Contact and Meeting Information
If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water, please contact Mayor Arrica Weatherall at (662)455-5155. We want our valued customers to be informed about their water utility. If you want to learn more, please attend any of our regularly scheduled meetings. They are held at 7:00 P.M. on the first Monday of each month at city hall.

Source of Water
A Source Water Assessment has been completed for our public water system to determine the overall susceptibility of the drinking water supply and to identify potential sources of contamination. The general susceptibility rankings assigned to each well of this system are provided immediately below. A report containing detailed information on how the susceptibility determinations were made has been furnished to our public water supply and is available upon request. The wells for the Town of Cruger have received moderate to higher susceptibility rankings to contamination.

Covered Period by Report
We routinely monitor for over 150 contaminants in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. The table below lists all the drinking water contaminants that we detected in the last round of sampling for the particular contaminant group. Unless otherwise noted the data presented in this table is from testing done January 1 through December 31, (2025). In cases where monitoring wasn't required in 2025 the table reflects the most recent testing done in accordance with the laws, rules, and regulations. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity. All drinking water, including bottled water may be reasonably expected to contain at least small amounts of some constituents. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk.

Terms and Abbreviations
In this table you will find many terms and abbreviations you might not be familiar with. To help you better understand these terms we've provided the following definitions:

Action Level (AL) – the concentration of contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

Maximum Contaminant Level – The "Maximum Allowed" (MCL) is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal – The "Goal" (MCLG) is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL) – The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary to control microbial contaminants.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG) – The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk of health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

Parts per million (ppm) or Milligrams per liter (mg/L) – one part by weight of analyte to 1 million parts by weight of the water sample.

Parts per billion (ppb) or Micrograms per liter – one part by weight of analyte to 1 billion parts by weight of the water sample.

Inorganic Contaminants

Contaminant (units)	Sample Date	MCL Violation Y/N	Your Water	Range of detects or # of samples exceeding MCL/ACL	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
10. Barium (ppm)	2025	N	0.0201	NO RANGE	2	2	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
16. Fluoride (ppm)	2025	N	0.1	NO RANGE	4	4	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories

Disinfectants and Disinfection Byproducts Contaminants

81. HAAS (ppb)	2022*	N	11.8	No Range	0	60	By-product of drinking water disinfection
82. TTHM (ppb)	2022*	N	7.24	No Range	0	80	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Chlorine (ppm)	2025	N	1.50	1.0 – 2.10	0	MRDL = 4	Water additive used to control microbes

Unregulated Contaminants

Contaminant (units)	Sample Date	MCL Violation Y/N	Your Water	Range Low High	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Sodium (ppb)	2024*	N	88	No Range	20	None	Road Salt, Water treatment Chemicals, Water Softeners and Sewage Effluents

*Most recent sample. No sample required for 2025.
Sodium. EPA recommends that drinking water sodium not exceed 20 milligrams per liter(mg/l). Excess sodium from salt in the diet increases the risk of high blood pressure and cardiovascular disease.

We are required to monitor your drinking water for specific contaminants monthly. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether our drinking water meets health standards. To ensure systems complete all monitoring requirements, MSDH now notifies systems of any samples prior to the end of monitoring period.

In addition to the above contaminants, we tested for additional chemicals for which the state and EPA have set standards. We found no detectable levels of those chemicals.

Some People who drink water containing Total Trihalomethanes and Haloacetic Acids in excess of the maximum contaminant level (MCL) over many years may experience problems with their liver, kidneys, or central nervous systems, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

Lead Information
If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant woman and your children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. The Town of Bolton is responsible for providing high quality drinking water but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

The Town of Cruger received violations for failure to prepare and report the Lead Service Line Inventory (LSLI) to the MS State Department of Health, Bureau of Public Supply, by October 16, 2024, as required by the Lead and Copper Rule Revision. We submitted the Lead Service Line Inventory on October 21, 2024.

Our system has completed the Lead Service Line Inventory, and no lead lines were found. The method used to make that determination were visual inspections, water operator knowledge and archived records. This inventory report is available for viewing at our office upon request.

Violations
We are required to monitor your drinking water for specific contaminants on a regular basis. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether or not our drinking water meets health standards. During 12/01/2022 - 01/18/2023 we received a violation for record keeping without rule code that has since been completed.

Unregulated Contaminants
Unregulated contaminants are those for which EPA has not established drinking water standards. The purpose of unregulated contaminant monitoring is to assist EPA in determining the occurrence of unregulated contaminants in drinking water and whether future regulations are warranted.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water posed a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbiological contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

The Town of Cruger works around the clock to provide top quality water to every tap. We ask that all our customers help us protect our water sources, which are the heart of our community, our way of life and our children's future.

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ACROSS

- 1) Stock reducer
- 5) Political plot
- 10) Pork serving
- 14) Long, extended film
- 15) Sorrowful song
- 16) Greek liqueur
- 17) Fishing pole attachment
- 18) Metric liquid measure
- 19) German wife
- 20) It produces poor results
- 23) State flower of Indiana
- 24) Chain units
- 25) Heavy burdens
- 28) ___ Mawr College
- 30) It usually smells
- 31) Song of joy
- 33) Fish for fish sticks
- 36) What workout fanatics desire
- 40) Wee toymaker
- 41) Two sizes too small
- 42) Undercooked, as steak
- 43) Females of the species
- 44) Mirror reflections
- 46) Main blood vessel
- 49) Actor's memorizations
- 51) Airborne bit of gossip?
- 57) Historic Icelandic writings
- 58) Backwoods weapon
- 59) Extra layer in winter?
- 60) "... and ___ the twain shall meet"
- 61) Two quartets
- 62) Barely gets by, with "out"
- 63) Quick gait
- 64) Kitchen ants and gnats
- 65) On its way, as an email

MIDWAY DROP-OFF

By Timothy E. Parker

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DOWN

- 1) Peasant
- 2) Imitative one
- 3) In ___ of (instead of)
- 4) Lunar and solar events
- 5) Instruments in string quartets
- 6) Sci-fi visitor
- 7) Flagmaker Ross
- 8) Consent and Reason, for two
- 9) Old stringed instrument
- 10) Dracula's resting place
- 11) One of the Great Lakes
- 12) ___ Mountains (Arkansas range)
- 13) Looks sullen
- 21) Simple shirt
- 22) Swashbuckler Errol of old Hollywood
- 25) At an earlier date
- 26) Christmas song
- 27) American mil. branch
- 28) Oscar title starter
- 29) Charlotte of sitcom TV
- 31) Guitar string tighteners
- 32) Barbecue leftover
- 33) Ragged part of a mountain
- 34) Beast of fairy tales
- 35) Changes color, in a way
- 37) "___ Frome"
- 38) More than an exaggeration
- 39) Evidence of changes
- 43) "Little" literary mouse
- 44) Atlas features
- 45) French "sea"
- 46) Hollywood rep
- 47) Community of nuns
- 48) Calf-catching contest
- 49) Some boxing blows
- 50) Spot of land
- 52) Bit of blood
- 53) Some parasites
- 54) Studio singer's need
- 55) Bad sign
- 56) Relax