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## ENJOYING FAIR TIME



Izzy Coolley, 12, of Nevada, hugs her duck at the Story County Fair on Wednesday in Nevada.

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Sienna Valik, 9, and her twin sister Savanna Valik of Ames show their rabbit and chicken to Gilbert Elementary students.



Keira Kruger, 9, of Huxley, hugs her cat during the cats show at the Story County Fair.

## Republicans preferred in 3 of 4 US House races

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Iowa voters statewide say they prefer Republican candidates to Democrats in races for the U.S. House of Representatives, including in three of the state's four congressional districts, a new Iowa Poll finds.

A majority of likely Iowa voters, 51%, say they want a Republican candidate to represent them in the U.S. House; 41% say they want a Democrat.

The exception is the 3rd Congressional District, which includes Polk and Dallas counties and areas to the south and west, where voters prefer a Democrat to a Republican by a slim margin. In that race, two-term incumbent U.S. Rep. Cindy Axne, a West Des Moines Democrat, is squared off against Republican state Sen. Zach Nunn of Bondurant in a race that national analysts have pegged as one of the most competitive in the country.

The poll, conducted by Selzer & Co., asked likely voters whether they would favor the Democratic or Republican candidate for the U.S. House. The poll did not identify House candidates by name.

Forty-seven percent of likely voters in the 3rd District favor a Democratic candidate, and 44% prefer a Republican. That 3 percentage-point difference is within the district-level margin of error of 8.3 percentage points.

The poll measured the opinions of 597 likely voters July 10-13.

Meanwhile, in the 1st, 2nd and 4th Congressional Districts, likely voters prefer Republicans over Democrats by at least a 10 percentage-point advantage. Those three seats are held by first-term Republicans, all of whom are running for reelection.

Axne and Nunn have both highlighted their race as one of the most competitive in the country. On the campaign trail, Axne said she's undertaking the "No. 1 targeted race in the

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## Meet the 53 new foods at the Iowa State Fair

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If the new dishes revealed for the Iowa State Fair on Tuesday had one thing in common, then it had to be nary a stick in sight. The skewer that serves as a staple of State Fair foods that range from fried butter to a shish kebob of veggies didn't find a home among 10 of the 53 new dishes showcased ahead of the fair.

Instead, the 10 new dishes that vied for a spot among three competing for the people's choice for best new fair food all came in a cup, wrapped in a tortilla or bao bun, swaddled in a brioche bun or tucked into an aluminum tray.

"Surveys show that food is the No. 1 reason people come to the fair," said Gary Slater, CEO and manager of the Iowa

State Fair. That observation introduced a panel of judges — local television and news personalities along with radio station DJs, Iowa State Fair board members and volunteers, and even Iowa State Fair Queen McKenna Henrich — who had the difficult task of tasting 10 new foods and judging them based on appearance, taste and presentation on Tuesday. Three would go on to compete for best new fair food in August.

Scott Siepker, aka Iowa Nice Guy, emceed this event, livestreamed by the Iowa State Fair for the fifth year in a row.

Yes, the fair offers lemonade, giant turkey legs, corndogs and mini doughnuts, but any true Fairgoer has to try some of the new novelty dishes.

The competition was stiff. Three desserts — a Minty Moo parfait with Thin

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Chuckie's Tenderloin Wrap from Chuckie's, one of dishes featured in the 2022 New Foods at the Iowa State Fair on Tuesday. ZACH BOYDEN-HOLMES/THE REGISTER

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