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## 2026 NFL season preview: Rams look unstoppable



A house for sale at 3221 S. Yonkers Street is listed for \$249,999 on June 13, 2023. RICH JANZARUK/HERALD-TIMES

# A look at the road ahead

## Major housing bill may have more nuanced impacts on Midwest states

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The political appeal of the idea — slap restrictions on institutional investors who buy up single-family homes to make more housing stock for regular folk who want to actually live in them — is plain to see. Both houses of Congress endorsed it by overwhelming margins.

But while the complex, 139-page 21st Century HOUSING Act may make a big splash in coastal states with high costs and housing shortages — New York, California and a few others — its effect in Midwestern housing markets likely will be more nuanced.

“While the Act emphasizes zoning reform, streamlined permitting, and incentives for housing production, many Midwestern states already have relatively lower housing costs, less restrictive land-use regulations, more developable land and slower rates of population growth,” said Roberto Quercia, a professor of housing and community development at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

“Consequently, provisions designed to stimulate new housing supply may produce smaller effects in states such as Indiana, Iowa, and much of Ohio and Michigan than they would in places like California, Massachusetts, or New York, where regulatory barriers and land scarcity are major constraints on housing production.”

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“Overall, Minnesota, Illinois, Ohio, Wisconsin, and metropolitan regions of Michigan may experience the strongest impacts because they combine growing housing demand with aging housing inventories and some regulatory constraints.”

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EVSC

## '27 budget, other issues face board candidates

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Weighty issues — issues with implications for years to come — confront EVSC school board candidates in November's election.

Four of the seven school board positions will be on the Nov. 3 ballot, with incumbents Mike Duckworth, Chris Kiefer, Melissa Moore and David Hollingsworth seeking re-election. Only Kiefer in District 1 is unopposed. In District 2, Duckworth and Hollingsworth face challengers Lindsey Patterson and Ken Colbert. Although most school board members represent districts, they are all elected county-wide.

The at-large election, which five candidates seeking one board seat, is

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## Lottery to send \$350M surplus to state coffers

Leslie Bonilla Muniz

INDIANA CAPITAL CHRONICLE

The Hoosier Lottery had nearly \$1.7 billion in sales last fiscal year and will send almost \$350 million back to state coffers, according to preliminary and unaudited data presented Tuesday by State Lottery Commission officials.

State fiscal year 2026 began last July and ended June 30.

The \$350 million expected surplus is above the previous year's \$341 million total, but remains below record-breaking figures recorded during the pandemic — peaking at almost \$376 million in 2021.

“Now, those (numbers) are not our

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