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The weather outside was frightful in Noblesville Thursday, but many kids (and adults) found it delightful to do some sledding at Forest Park. Hamilton County received anywhere from three to six inches of snow on Thursday, and more may be on the way over the weekend, along with record cold.

Maybe...

We ain't seen nothing yet

By DON JELLISON
Reporter Editor

While Hamilton County motorists were slipping and sliding around corners and home owners were shoving and blowing away snow from their drives most of the day on Thursday, the first snowfall of 2014 may have been only a preview of things to come.

A hazardous weather outlook and a special weather statement were issued by the National Weather Service out of Indianapolis.

Snow showers, for the present, ended Thursday evening, but winds gusting to 30 miles an hour caused blowing and drifting. Temperatures dropped to near zero in some areas, with wind chills as cold as 10 below zero.

The outlook ahead is even worse.

Sub zero wind chills are expected at times today and Saturday. Another storm system may bring 8 to 10 inches of snow on Sunday. Bitter cold temperatures and wind chills will follow the snow on Sunday night and last into Tuesday.

Near record or record snow may occur Sunday, while near record or record cold occurs Monday and Tuesday. Low pressure is predicted to move up the Ohio Valley Sunday, followed by arctic high pressure Sunday night and Monday.

Temperatures perhaps not seen in 20 years are expected Monday.

Snow is expected to begin in Hamilton County Saturday night and become heavy at times in some areas by Sunday. As of late last evening, there still is some difference between weather models on the exact snow amounts. However, most of these models indicated a possible half foot of snow with heavier amounts possible in some areas by late Sunday.

The snow is expected to diminish Sunday evening and bitter cold air will spread across Central Indiana by Monday. The combination of temperatures as low as 15 below and strong winds may produce wind chills of 30 to 35 below on Monday and Tuesday.

“Preliminary information indicates blizzard conditions are possible Sunday afternoon,” reported the office of Hamilton County Emergency Management.

The local agency has started to develop potential plans, including communication with the American Red Cross in the event a Shelter is needed either for road conditions or a warming center.

A Hamilton County Travel Advisory late yesterday was upgraded to a Travel Watch, effective until 7 o'clock this morning. A Travel Watch means that conditions are threatening to the safety of the motoring public. During a Travel Watch only essential travel such as to and from work or in emergency situations is recommended.

Last evening, roads continued to be snow covered and hazardous in Hamilton County with additional snow falling. Winds increased, causing drifting in some areas.

“County law enforcement officers continued to respond to crashes and slide offs throughout the area,” reported



Photo by Brian Reddick/RDK Photography

Snow plows have been working around the clock and battling the constant snow fall to keep major roads like State Road 37 drivable. Noblesville Street Department Commissioner Patty Johnson said that drivers will be working into this evening.

Deputy Bryant Orem from the Hamilton County Sheriff's office.

Patty Johnson, the commissioner of the Noblesville Street Department, said that the city's snow plow crew began work at 2 a.m. Thursday morning. The first crew worked until 10 a.m., actually overlapping with the department's second group of plowers, who worked from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. After that, Johnson said the crews would go back to their regular 12-hour shifts.

"We haven't gotten into a lot of the subdivisions yet," said Johnson. "We've gotten all of the primary roads. It was blowing quite a bit today, and it was snowing until probably 4:30 (p.m.) or so. It was kind of hard to keep up with it."

Johnson has common sense advice for those who must be on the roads overnight. She said to "be very careful and be aware of the road conditions, and watch out for ice, because I'm sure there's going to be some black ice."

Also, let the snowplows do their jobs.

"Try to be aware of the plows," said Johnson. "It's not always easy for the plow driver to see the car. Try to stay as much out of their way as you can."

One bright spot is that the storm has hit while Hamilton County schools are closed for the holiday break, although reaching school on Monday morning could be a problem.

Hamilton County woke up to the snow storm on Thursday morning. By 9:45 a.m., the following snow falls were reported throughout the county:

- Noblesville - Dillon Park, 3.2 inches
- Noblesville - Hague Road & Lakeview Drive, 2.5 inches.
- Cicero - Tritown Park, located on south Stringtown Pike, 2.8 inches.
- Carmel - 126th Street and Keystone, 4.0 inches.
- Westfield - Asa Bales Park, 4.0 inches.

By midnight there was 5 to 6 inches on the ground in Hamilton County.

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See more pictures of how the snowstorm affected Hamilton County on Page 2.

Hamilton County snow storm



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TOP: Noblesville police assist a motorist who slid off of State Road 37 just north of 146th St. Officers throughout Hamilton County responded to numerous slide-offs during Thursday.

RIGHT: A state highway snow plow works on clearing State Road 38 during Thursday's winter weather.



Photo by Jeff Jellison



LEFT: Despite the heavy snow falling and blowing all around them, this intrepid Sheridan family enjoyed sledding down the embankment behind the Sheridan Public Library.

Photo submitted

Weather permitting...

Millers will head to far north tonight

Dave McCollough says he believes the best is yet to come, and the Noblesville coach hopes the best begins to come tonight as he and his Millers travel a couple of hours north to play Merrillville. Noblesville, coming off back-to-back losses to Bloomington South and Kokomo in its own holiday tourney, will take a 4-4 record into the new year.

“I believe,” said the coach, “that the best basketball is ahead of us.”

McCollough also believes that his Millers, at times, played some good basketball in the holiday tourney.

“Six of the eight quarters, we played well,” he said. “There were times when our defense was outstanding.”

Two of Noblesville’s losses so far this season have come against No. 1 ranked Carmel and No. 6 rated Hamilton Southeastern. The Millers had Southeastern tied at halftime and they led both Bloomington South and Kokomo going into the fourth quarter.

“We had some good shots which didn’t go down, and we had a couple of bad turnovers that cost us,” McCollough said.

While Noblesville’s stats show that the Millers have played extremely well in the first half of basketball games this season, the second half stats aren’t all that bad. The Millers have outscored their eight opponents by a 12.8 to 1.1.1 margin in the first quarters and 12.9 to 9.0 in the second quarters. In the third quarters, Noblesville has been outscored only 14.6 to 14.5 and in the fourth quarters the Millers have been outpointed by an average of 14.5 to 14.4.

Noblesville is averaging 54.5 points a game, while giving up 49.3 points a contest.



Photo by Kent Graham

Noblesville’s Justin Pegues is leading the Millers in trips to the free-throw line, where he is 20-of-29. Noblesville will travel to Merrillville tonight (weather permitting) to face the Pirates, which are rebuilding after reaching the semi-state last year.

McCollough said the goal for Noblesville isn’t keeping games low scoring. “We can score,” he said. “We were in the 70s in our first two games of the season.” One of Noblesville’s problems has been free throw shooting. Not so much hitting free throws, but getting to the line. In the eight games, opponents have gone to the line 126 times, compared to only 106 by the Millers. Opponents have outscored Noblesville 97 to 74 shooting free throws.

“We need to get to the line more,” McCollough said. “We’ve got three kids who, basically, are jump shot shooters.” The Miller leaders shooting free throws are John Kiser at 88.9 percent (16-of-18) and Kent Mills at 72.7 percent (8-of-11). Although a few more points by all would be helpful, Noblesville has presented a balanced scoring attack. Jack Trittipo leads with an 11.4 average, followed by Mills at 10.4, Sean Wilson at 9.5 and Kiser at 9.3. The fifth starter, Justin

Pegues averaging 6.0 points a game, had a good holiday tourney and Pegues has been to the line more times than any other Miller, 20-of-29. Merrillville, a new opponent on Noblesville schedule, has been struggling big time with a young team this season. The Pirates lost 99 percent of their scoring from a team which finished 22-4 and lost to Carmel in the semi-state last season. Merrillville is 1-5. The Pirates opened by losing to Homestead

70-41 and then defeated Highland 48-43. They’ve lost four straight since, falling to Hammond Noll 52-44; Andrean 79-64; Lake Central 72-3, and Portage 54-45. They have a sophomore guard, D.J. Wilkins, who is appearing on the radar of some Big 10 schools. “Merrillville is going through some growing pains,” said Merrillville. “They are fast and athletic, so we’ll have to handle their pressure. They are not as big as Kokomo, so we will need to go inside to Kiser and Trittipo.”



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Tall Eagles first team in Westfield's tough stretch

The first half of the Westfield boys basketball 2013-14 schedule was on occasions a rocky road, and, on occasions an exciting path.

Coach Eric Rauch's Shamrocks won two games, both in overtimes. One was a double overtime, season-opening win over Hoosier Crossroads Conference foe Lafayette Jeff. The other win was against Tipton in a game played at Bankers Fieldhouse in Indianapolis.

Losses came against Pendleton Heights and New Palestine, and most recently against Roncall and Shelbyville at the Shelbyville Holiday Tourney.

So much for 2013. Westfield, weather permitting, will begin 2014 this Saturday in a conference game at Zionsville. It's the first of two straight HCC games for the Shamrocks, with a trip to Fishers next Friday, Jan. 10, followed the next night by Westfield hosting two-time defending state champion Carmel.

It will be a blockbuster start of 2014 for Westfield.

Zionsville, before hosting Westfield on Saturday, has a toughie tonight, playing at Pike. The Eagles will take a 4-2 record and a three-game win string into the Pike game.

"Zionsville will be a challenge with their size," Rauch predicts. "They are a very good team and the game will be a great opportunity for us to get better as a team."

Zionsville's size is led by center Derrick Smits. Standing 6-9, Smits is averaging 7.5 points a game. The Eagles' leading scorer is Jake Mann at 12.7

Zionsville won its season opener, beating Western Boone 60-48. The Eagles lost their next two battles, both conference games, falling to Brownsburg 42-39 and Hamilton Southeastern 64-51. Last three times out, Zionsville has won over Anderson 64-34; Decatur Central 53-42 and South Bend Washington 53-52.

Rauch will be looking for more offensive firepower. The Shamrocks are averaging just 47.2 points a game and have cracked the 50-mark only in the overtime wins.

Through six games, Westfield has no one averaging in double figures. Senior Ty Osswald is the leader at 9.8, followed by senior Chandler Kemp at 6.3 and sophomore Charlie Warner at 6.0. Nick Ferrer and Kemp are the leaders on the boards, Ferrer averaging 4.3 rebounds a game and Kemp 4.2.

The Eagles and Shamrocks have battled to the horn each of the last two seasons. Zionsville won in overtime 67-66 last year and the Eagles won 59-51 the previous season. Zionsville has defeated Westfield seven consecutive times.

UHS girls fall to Sparkplugs, Cyan Cosby has breakout game



C. Cosby

Scheduled to play in a Thursday tournament at Speedway, because of the weather U n i v e r s i t y participated in just one game. It wasn't a good one for the Lady Trailblazers as they lost 60-42 to the Sparkplugs.

The game was even, except for the first quarter when Speedway zipped to a 22-7

advantage. In the final three quarters, University outscored the winners 38-35.

"We had a hard time controlling (Allison) Nash, their senior guard," said University coach Stacey Summitt-Mann. "We also struggled rebounding in the first half. Even still, we had some good things happen for our team today," Summitt-Mann said.

Cyan Cosby had a breakout day with a career-high 21 points.

"She was much more aggressive from the point position, and she is really starting to understand how to get open looks on the outside," added Summitt-Mann.

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Elks Hoop Shoot Winners



Photo submitted

The Noblesville Elks Lodge held their annual Boys Hoop Shoot contests Monday at Guerin Catholic High School. Winning the 8-9 age group by making 20 out of 25 free throws was Tillman Etchison, a second grader from Hamilton Heights Primary School. In the 10-11 age group Matthew Jones from Carmel's Mohawk Trails Elementary School drained 21 out of 25 to win the championship. And in the 12-13 age group it was Our Lady of Mt. Carmel's Luke Godfrey winning by making 21 out of 25 free throws. The winners advance to the Elks State District Competition, which will be held Jan. 12 in the Rockville High School Gymnasium. Pictured in the attachment are the top three boys in each age group - Front Row: St. Maria Goretti's Matthew Wagoner, champion Tillman Etchison, Mohawk Trails' Davis Brown, and Hamilton Heights Middle School's Gus Etchison and Lucas Letsinger. Back Row: Hoop Shoot Director Pete Smith, Our Lady of Grace's Davis Schlichte and Quinn Koelsch, and champions Luke Godfrey and Matthew Jones.



Photo submitted

The Noblesville Elks Lodge held their annual Girls Hoop Shoot contest Monday at Guerin Catholic High School. Winning the 12-13 age group by making 22 out of 25 free throws was Brooke Westhoelter, who lives in Fishers and attends St. Matthews School. In the 10-11 age group fifth grader Bridget Dunn from Carmel's Cherry Tree Elementary School sunk 16 out of 25 to win the championship. And in the 8-9 age group it was St. Maria Goretti's Paige Mascari winning by making 9 out of 25 free throws. The winners advance to the Elks State District Competition, which will be held Jan. 12 in the Rockville High School Gymnasium. Pictured in the attachment are the top three girls in each age group - Front Row: Carmel Middle School's Ariana Zdobylic, champion Paige Mascari, and champion Bridget Dunn. Back Row: Hoop Shoot Director Pete Smith, Clay Middle School's Sophie Oliphant, St. Maria Goretti's Lauren Wagoner, champion Brooke Westhoelter, and Our Lady of Mt. Carmel's Olivia Labus.

Carmel will come streaking; maybe South, too

Two streaks could be on the line when Carmel travels to Terre Haute South Saturday for a boys basketball MIC Conference matchup. One, for sure. Carmel, the two-time defending state champion, will take to Terre Haute the longest win string in Class 4A basketball. The Greyhounds have won 16 straight, dating back to a Feb. 7, 52-49 home court loss to Hamilton County rival Hamilton Southeastern. Carmel has won 27 of its last 28 games, including, of course, six straight this season. Also, Carmel hasn't lost a conference game since falling 43-42 at Warren Central on Feb. 14, two seasons ago. The other streak which could be alive Saturday is one which Terre Haute South could bring into the game. The Braves have won six straight, including beating rival Terre Haute, 58-48, in the championship game of the Wabash Valley Tourney last weekend. To extend the streak to seven, South tonight will have to beat tough Lawrence North on the road in a MIC game. "We are playing a team that has won six games in a row and defeated a good Terre Haute North team by 10 points," said Carmel coach Scott Heady. "Playing them on the road will be a challenge." Carmel has beaten South each of the last two seasons, 66-49 last year and 58-39 in

Terre Haute two years ago. The Braves slipped past the Greyhounds 71-70 at Carmel three seasons back. "We've had a few days off over the break, mixed in with a good week of practice," said Heady. "Our guys understand that we must be ready to play each night and defend, rebound and limit turnovers to give ourselves a chance to win." "We're averaging 11 turnovers a game, which is about three more than we want. We are holding opponents to 38 percent field goal shooting and that needs to continue as we move forward," Heady said. Three Greyhounds will enter the new year averaging in double figures, led by 6-4 junior guard Ryan Cline at 16.7 points a game. Zach McRoberts, the Greyhounds' 6-6 senior, is at 13.5 and 6-3 senior Michael Bruns is at 12.3. Keegan Culp, a 6-5 junior, is close at 8.3. McRoberts is the leading rebounder, averaging 6.7 boards a game. Terre Haute South is 6-2 on the year. The Braves opened the season with back to back losses to Casey-Westfield (Illinois) 51-49 and Mooresville 89-54. Since, they have defeated North Central (Farmersburg) 77-38, West Vigo 74-46, Marshall (Illinois) 78-39. Casey in a second meeting 79-59, Sullivan 66-62 and then Terre Haute North.

Lady Millers game moved to tonight

Thursday's snow storm postponed that night's Noblesville-Anderson girls basketball to tonight at The Mill. The junior varsity game tips off at 6 p.m., with the varsity to follow. Also, Westfield's swim meet with Zionsville was postponed. It is tentatively re-scheduled for next Thursday, Jan. 9.

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"Ashley Gonzalez found her rhythm on offense and hit two big 3-pointers. Lizzie Berry helped to set our tone and energy on defense and Ellie Klemz added a few monster blocks," said the coach. The loss dropped University to 2-7. The Trailblazers will return to action on Jan. 7 at Metropolitan and will host Seccina on Jan. 9.

Speedway 60, University 42					
University	FG	FT	TP	P	PF
Audrey Giepel	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Lizzy Berry	0-5	1-2	1	2	2

Maggie Klemz	1-1	0-0	2	0
Honor Cosby	1-4	0-0	2	1
Reilly Small	0-3	2-4	2	0
Cyan Cosby	8-11	4-6	21	3
Ellie Klemz	1-7	0-0	2	3
Marissa Reel	0-0	0-0	0	0
Elizabeth Orians	1-8	0-0	3	2
Ashley Gonzalez	3-5	1-2	9	0
Lexie Schulte	0-0	0-0	0	1
Totals	15-44	8-14	42	12
Score by Quarters:				
University	7	10	13	12-42
Speedway	22	12	13	13-60
University 3-Pointers (4-12), Small 0-3, C. Cosby 1-2, Orians 1-4, Gonzalez 2-3.				
University Rebounds (30), Berry 3, Klemz 2, H. Cosby 2, Small 3, C. Cosby 2, Klemz 8, Reel 1, Orians 6, Gonzalez 2, Schulte 1.				
University Turnovers: 27.				

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NHS GIRLS Schedule

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Tues	Nov 19	Westfield H.S.	7:30 pm
Fri	Nov 22	@ Lebanon H.S.	7:30 pm
Tues	Nov 26	Carmel H.S.	7:30 pm
Sat	Nov 30	@ Thanksgiving Classic	10:30 am
Sat	Dec 7	McCutcheon H.S.	1:30 pm
Fri	Dec 13	@ Hamilton Southeastern	6:00 pm
Sat	Dec 21	@ Brownsburg H.S.	1:30 pm
Thu	Jan 2	Anderson H.S.	7:30 pm
Thu	Jan 9	Harrison H.S.	7:30 pm
Sat	Jan 11	Mt Vernon (Fortville)	1:30 pm
Wed	Jan 15	@ Fishers H.S.	7:30 pm
Sat	Jan 18	Avon H.S.	12:30 pm
Tues	Jan 21	@ Western Boone Jr/Sr H.S	7:30 pm
Sat	Jan 25	Zionsville H.S.	7:30 pm
Wed	Jan 29	@ Pendleton Heights H.S.	7:30 pm
Fri	Jan 31	@ Jefferson H.S.	7:30 pm
Thu	Feb 6	@ Lawrence North H.S.	7:30 pm

NHSBOYS Schedule

Wed	Nov 27	Northwest H.S.	7:30pm
Sat	Nov 30	Thomas Carr Howe H.S.	7:30 pm
Fri	Dec 6	@ Carmel	7:30 pm
Fri	Dec 13	@ Hamilton Southeastern H.S.	7:30 pm
Fri	Dec 20	Jefferson H.S.	7:30 pm
Sat	Dec 21	@ Hamilton Heights H.S.	7:30 pm
Fri	Dec 27	Holiday Tournament	8:00 pm
Sat	Dec 28	Holiday Tournament	3:00 pm
Fri	Jan 3	@ Merrillville H.S.	8:00 pm
Fri	Jan 10	McCutcheon H.S.	7:30 pm
Fri	Jan 17	@ Avon H.S.	7:30 pm
Sat	Jan 18	Muncie Central H.S.	7:30 pm
Sat	Jan 24	@ Westfield H.S.	7:30 pm
Fri	Jan 31	Brownsburg H.S.	7:30 pm
Fri	Feb 7	Harrison H.S.	7:30 pm
Sat	Feb 8	@ Mt Venon H.S. (Fortville)	7:30 pm
Sat	Feb 15	Zionsville H.S.	3:30 pm
Tues	Feb 18	Lawrence Central H.S.	7:30 pm
Fri	Feb 21	@ Fishers H.S.	7:30 pm
Fri	Feb 28	Lebanon H.S.	7:30 pm

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Baseball Schedule Announced for Grand Park Sports Campus

The City of Westfield, Lids Indiana Bulls and Bullpen Tournaments are excited to announce the initial 2014 baseball schedule at Grand Park. Games will begin the first weekend in April and run through the end of October. During this time, more than 5,000 games will be played at Grand Park Sports Campus. Each tournament will include an average of 60 teams coming from 15 states and two countries.

"The interest in the baseball facilities at Grand Park has been enormous. Lids Indiana Bulls has done a fantastic job filling the tournament schedule, which will bring many visitors to Westfield from across the country," said Westfield Mayor Andy Cook.

The first baseball game is scheduled on March 8 when DePauw University will play Manchester University. Manchester is coming off the 2013 campaign where they finished the season 37-7 and played in the DIII World Series.

The first tournament is scheduled for April 4-5 and opens with the Midwest High School Classic featuring teams from four states. Among the attendees will be three of the last four state championship teams in the state of Indiana. Numerous professional and college scouts are also expected to attend. Also taking place at that time is "First Pitch Weekend," which is geared toward 9-13U teams. It will be the first opportunity for the top talent in the Midwest to play at Grand Park Sports Campus.

"The Lids Indiana Bulls organization is excited to call Grand Park home. It is truly one of the best facilities in the country. We look forward to working with the City of Westfield to help make Grand Park and the entire city a premier sports tourism destination," said Mike Mundy, Executive Director of the Lids Indiana Bulls.

Visit www.bullpentournaments.com for the full 2014 baseball tournament schedule and for booking contact information.

Blood drive Friday at Hare Chevrolet

Hare Chevrolet will be conducting a blood drive from noon to 4 p.m. Friday, January 3.

Each person that visits the blood drive will receive a LIMITED EDITION Pat McAfee football.

Hare Chevrolet is located just off State Road 37 at 2001 Stoney Creek Road, Noblesville.

Westfield wrestling hosts Team State Dual Meet

The Westfield wrestling team is hosting the Indiana High School Wrestling Coaches Association Team State Dual Meet Tournament on Saturday.

Wrestling begins at 10 a.m. Twenty-four teams will wrestle at The Rock (eight in three classes) in a dual-meet format. Powerhouse teams such as Perry Meridian, Cathedral and Evansville Mater Dei will compete in the event. The championship meets will take place at approximately 4:30 p.m.

Admission is \$10. Wrestling fans who cannot attend can watch the event live on the Web, at www.trackwrestling.com

Wellbrooke of Westfield receives Senior Housing News award

Wellbrooke of Westfield was one of six senior housing communities that received an award in Senior Housing News' first-ever architecture and design competition.

A panel of expert judges worked tirelessly to choose the best-of senior living across seven categories. Wellbrooke won the best New Skilled Nursing/Post-Acute Care category.

The other 2013 winners for the best of senior living design are:

New Independent Living: The Allegro
(Jupiter, Fla.)

New Assisted Living / Memory Care:
Waterstone at Wellesley (Wellesley Hills,
Mass.)

New Construction Continuing Care Retirement Community: The Mather (Evanston, Ill.)

Best Renovation / Repositioning: True North at North Hill (Needham, Mass.)

New Affordable Senior Housing: Village at Westerly Creek, Building 1 (Aurora, Colo.)

The competition garnered entries from more than 70 communities across the nation, each featuring cutting edge architecture and design elements, setting a high bar for the future of design among industry participants.

"We were thrilled with the entries for this year's awards, and the caliber of innovation that is so clearly evident in today's planning, designing and developing of senior living communities across the nation," says SHN Founder and Publisher George Yedinak.

The panel of judges comprised architects and experts in senior living including Raquel Mercer, Vice President of Roby-cross; Dan Cinelli, Managing Principal at Perkins Eastman; David Dillard, D2 Archi-

ture; Jeff Anderzhon, FAIA, Eppstein Uhen Architects; and Elizabeth Borden, The Highland Group.

SHN collected entries between late October and early December before the judges deliberated and ranked each project on dozens of criteria.

“The innovative ideas and new design features we are seeing year after year suggest a very promising future for senior housing options and a highly competitive environment both for new development opportunities and the renovation of existing properties across independent living, assisted living, memory care and CCRCs,” Yedinak said. “We look forward to seeing what the new year brings for senior living design and architecture.”

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