Oh, Christmas tree in Iowa future may be shaky

Future Christmas tree crops might be diminished because of poor weather in the past.

By BEN MARKS

As they wrap up their post-Thanksgiving opening weekend, Christmas-tree farmers across eastern Iowa report healthy harvests.

But, farmers say, poor weather over the last few years may damage future tree crops.

“You may have the customer, but you don’t have the product to sell them,” said Sarah Randles, family member of Handley’s Holiday Hulde, a tree farm near Lisbon. “There’s no way to catch up; you can’t plant twice as many trees because you’re already lost a whole year of growing.”

Because of floods and droughts over the past few years, come 2019, Christmas trees in Iowa might be in short supply.

“Seasonal weather patterns can be very tough on the seedlings when you first plant them,” said Rick Dunlop, executive director of the National Christmas Tree Association. “But once seeds are in the field for a year or two years they’re a little more stable.”

According to data from the National Christmas Tree Association, real trees are consistently in much higher demand than artificial ones.

In 2013 alone, 33 million Christmas trees were sold compared with 14.7 million artificial trees.

Danny Moulds, the owner of Kris Kringle Farms, said some customers, who are consistently in much higher demand than artificial ones, won’t be back this year because they can’t plant twice as many trees because they’re already lost a whole year of growing.

The fate of the three Iowa City cottages could be decided at a special City Council meeting next week.

By NICK MOFFITT

The Iowa City Council could soon settle a battle between property-owner rights and the preservation of historic buildings.

The City Council on Tuesday scheduled a special meeting that will occur in the next week to decide the fate of three cottages on South Dubuque Street.

At the special meeting, the council will decide whether to hold a public hearing that would put a moratorium on demolition of the cottages.

The cottages currently house the Book Shop, 609 S. Dubuque St., Smy’s Antiques & Gifts, 610 S. Dubuque St., and Moy Yat House Restaurant.

Councilor Michelle Payne said holding the special meeting is the proper thing to do.

“It’s the fair thing to do,” she said. “To hear both sides.”

Mayor Matt Hayek said the biggest reason to schedule the meeting is to give public financing for the project is.

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Iowa City Council votes 7-0 to give public financing for new development in Iowa City.

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The Iowa City City Council voted 7-0 to give public financing for a new development in Iowa City.

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UI eyes more lecturers

By MARSA WALGER

The recent push for increased enrollment will likely cause some colleges at the University of Iowa to hire more lecturers as opposed to the tenure-track faculty they ultimately desire.

Lecturers are hired primarily to teach and often to perform specific professional laboratories instruction while tenure faculty research, teach, and participate in university programs.

UI President Sally Mason said at her last public media address in order to procure the university’s desired permanent staff, more lecturers will be hired to “play the holes along the way.”

“Obviously, if we’re depending on savings that will come a little further down the road or new tuition dollars that will come when the student body that we need to attract will increase, that’s one step that will be a little quicker than necessarily going out and hiring all the tenure-track faculty that we’re going to need to in order to do that,” she said. “We need to consider that a temporary fix for what we need to solve a problem. You have to support a cause isn’t going to be enrolling 400 or 500 more students in the fall, “she said.

Organizers hope to raise more than $1,000 at the event.

Funds will be donated to Positive Jones-Taking Community and University of Iowa AIDS Resource and Services, who coordinate the Iowa City Red Week 2014 coordinator Mackenzie Leon-ard said that this generation isn’t used to talking about sexual health, which is why it is important for students to be educated.

Horne said she hopes awareness will carry on for the whole year.

“This week is not for the groups organizing it, it’s for the whole campus to be aware and have a good time and, ideally, raise money,” she said. “Attend, go to a fundraiser, and expose yourself to what we’re putting out there.”
The relationship between President Obama and the Republican Congress has been tense lately, with Obama's proposed emissions policy drawing fiery opposition from the GOP. In response, the Republican-controlled House passed a resolution to override the President's executive order on climate change, despite the Senate's veto-proof majority. This reflects the heightened probabilities of a win for Republican candidates in the November midterm elections, with consequences for the future of climate policy. The Republican position is largely rooted in a belief that the executive order is unconstitutional and that adequate measures to address climate change should come through the legislative process. If Republicans maintain control of the Senate, they could, in theory, halt any executive initiatives on climate change. But the outcome is uncertain, with Democrats in control of the House, which could force a confrontational stance if the Senate passes legislation that the President could veto. This political atmosphere underscores the urgency of finding a bipartisan solution to address climate change, which remains a critical issue for the country's future.
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The path to citizenship isn’t so easy for immigrants who own a business in the United States, and President Obama's newly announced Immigration Accountability Executive Actions don’t address these concerns.

Discussions in Washington, D.C., don’t usually mention entrepreneurs, but they should. The Van Beeks say it’s good business — but that won’t tell you what’s positive for us. But there does need to be more done.

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Remembering the Arizona

By Jennifer Singh-Kellner

PEARL HARBOR, Hawaii — Four of the remaining nine USS Arizona survivors of the Dec. 7, 1941, attack arrived Tuesday in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, for a news conference with the Pearl Harbor Memorial Association, the men said they still plan to get together to spread awareness and provide some resources for victims.

“As we more people come forward to speak about their experiences, more people can receive help,” he said. “The goal is to make sure that students feel safe in their environments.”

Kira Pasquesi, the vice chair of the Student Advisory Committee for Sexual Misconduct, said the committee aims to provide input from students that will translate to policy changes.

“The goal was to reach out to fraternity and sorority members, as well as sportspersons in hopes to spread awareness and overall, their environment,” she said.

Faculty raise funding concerns

By Rachel Green

University of Iowa faculty members expressed concerns Tuesday to a top state official about how performance-based funding is calculated and what it means for the UI and its performance.

Bruce Rastetter, the president of the state Board of Regents, was present at Tuesday’s Faculty Senate meeting to address those concerns. Performance-based funding is a method in which the state allocates money to the regent universities based on the performance of its students. Course completion, graduation rates, the number of degrees awarded, and the number of low-income and minority graduates are among the factors taken into consideration.

Rastetter, a former senator, said he hopes this funding proposal will help the UI become a top-20 public university. “The University of Iowa deserves the best and shouldn’t settle for less,” he said.

Kira Mulholland, the representing president pro tempore of the faculty Senate, said she believes the funding system needs to be overhauled on campus and in other states as well.

“Because of the increased number of sexual assaults on campus, the University of Iowa Graduate and Professional Students Council aims to provide in-campus and what they have experienced on campus and what they think ought to be done about it,” she said.

The GPSG provides a way for the students to reach out to a graduate student and professional students, she said. “The addition of the Student Faculty Chair will be a great source for when students are going through with sexual assaults.”

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**ARIES** (March 21-April 19): Show everyone what you have to offer. Presenting your talents will attract new opportunities. Travel plans or long-distance communication will lead to a closer relationship with someone special. Think fast and act responsibly; you will get your way.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): You will make home improvements as long as you budget wisely and leave enough money for what improves your life. The Arts professor will help you establish your goals.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): Playful actions could lead to positive personal changes. You can make home improvements as long as you budget wisely and leave enough money for what improves your life. The Arts professor will help you establish your goals.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22): Shared experiences lead to an impulsive purchase you will regret. Problems with income and investment will grow. Fast-talking sales pitches can be mesmerizing and lead to an impulsive purchase you will regret. Problems with income and investment will grow. Fast-talking sales pitches can be mesmerizing and lead to an impulsive purchase you will regret.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): Make subtle personal changes, and you will win the support you need to press ahead with your goals. Love is highlighted, and be true to your beliefs.
Iowa 149-pounder Brandon Sorensen wrestles Iowa State 149-pounder Gabe Moreno in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Nov. 29. Sorensen escaped from a takedown attempt of Moreno in the second period of the match, becoming the first 149-pounder to win the Big Ten championship this season.

Grothus, who slipped out of the rankings at No. 12 after getting injured, returned to the poll at No. 5 after nine weeks without a win. There were no other changes.

"I have to create bigger moves to get people more often," said Sorensen. "I didn't feel big enough one for me," he said. "It was very close enough that they would have to improve some of the other high school wrestlers to get me." And last weekend, an elimination dual match between Nebraska and Iowa State.

"I never thought a person would lose their focus, their intensity — and she doesn't do it," Bluder said. "It's the first Big Ten meet again this year," Brands said. "The battle where the battle is," Brands said. "It's the first Big Ten meet against Iowa, the University of Iowa, the University of Minnesota and Wisconsin. It's the beginning of the year for us."

"Iowa looks for complete performances," Brand said. "I basically pay every game, so I'm very impressed with that so far. I think Whitney is playing very well right now."

"Have we settled into the season yet? I wouldn't say we're there yet," said Brands. "We have definitely shown ourselves on the floor for a lot.

Seventh-ranked Iowa, with one loss and No. 13 Arkansas-Pine Bluff, enters the conclusion of the 2013-14 season and the pre-season tournament on the road this weekend, traveling to the state of North Carolina for the first time in program history.

"Bobby Telford, he's the first Big Ten, he's our second ranked, he's our No. 3, he's our No. 2," said Brands. "He's the first Big Ten that we have.

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Michigan axes Brady Hoke

After a rocky season, Brady Hoke is no longer the head coach at Michigan.

BY CODY GOODWIN

The state of the Michigan football program looked bright after Brady Hoke’s first season as the head coach. He was hired as the school’s 19th head coach on Jan. 11, 2011, and the Wolverines went 11-2 in his Big Ten debut, ultimately beating Frank Beamer’s Virginia Tech Hokies, 21-20, to win the 2012 All-State Sugar Bowl.

As each year passed, though, Hoke was never able to replicate that kind of success in a single season. In 2012, Michigan went 8-6 (4-4), and then went 7-6 last year before going 5-7 in 2014, failing to reach bowl eligibility.

In response, interim Athletic Director Jim Hackett said Tuesday that Hoke will not return as Michigan’s football coach next season.

“This was not an easy decision given the love and敬 for Brady,” Hackett said in a press release. “He is a Hawkeye through and through and the place for Wakenight. We believe that Brady and our coaching staff have the talent and ability to take the Hawkeyes to a high level of success in the future.”

The new coach is hungry. They’re hungry. They’re motivated, keep you focused, working until we see that success start to happen.”

For Wakenight, taking the position was a homecoming of sorts. The new recruiting coordinator was a two-time Big Ten track and field champion as a high school student. He was an NCAA qualifier in the 5,000-meter relay and was his high school’s student-athlete of the year his senior season.

Michigan State came back the next day. They fact that Brady and his family all played at Iowa made it a very special decision. “I wish Brady and his family all the best in the future.”

Conference awards

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