Food production important

President Dr Mokgweetsi Masisi (left) and the Pandamatenga Commercial Farmers Association chairperson, Mr Jaco Strachan, touring stalls during the Pandamatenga Agricultural Show yesterday. The President said government systematically encouraged and promoted cluster production through Temo Letlotlo and Thuo Letlotlo as enabling and entrepreneurship inclined programmes. Photo: Thompson Keobaletswe
**Govt prioritises youth development**

By Thaotu Mosinyi

**GABORONE** - Youth development is critical in recognition of the role played by young people in shaping the future. The issue was said by the Minister of Youth, Gender, Sport and Culture, Mr Tumiso Rakgare during a youth engagement programme in honour of the visiting Governor General of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas, Dame Cynthia Alexandra Pratt. 

Briefing Ms Pratt on government's efforts to create an enabling environment for youth empowerment, Mr Rakgare said a number of initiatives had been established, among them the Youth Development Fund.

He said the fund was established in 2009 after converting the Out-of-School Youth Grant Programme where youth were given P5000 grant. 

Minister Rakgare said since inception, over 11 494 youth projects were funded by more than P1 billion creating 21 262 jobs.

However, he said the sustainability of the projects and loan repayment was the downside of the achievements owing to various factors ranging from low business acumen amongst the youth, limited capacity to monitor projects and limited funding to provide adequate mentorship and coaching.

On the upside, Minister Rakgare said some youth funded projects managed to swim against the tide and that the success rate was at 78.8 per cent. 

He said several initiatives had been devised to increase the sustainability of youth projects such as forming partnerships with the private sector to enhance youth business acumen. He also said funds earmarked for youth development were transferred to the Ministry of Entrepreneurship to enable the ministry of youth to focus on other youth development spheres.

In the endeavour to place Batswana youth on the same pedestal as the global youth, Minister Rakgare said the 1996 youth policy was reviewed in 2010 and that another was currently ongoing.

Mr Rakgare also talked about the establishment of the National Youth Council in 1974, with a mandate to serve as the 'voice for young people'.

"It was restructured in 2015 to improve its focus and enhance its relevance to the youth development agenda," he said. 

The minister further noted that it was restructured in 2015 to improve its focus and enhance its relevance to the youth development agenda. He also shared that the inaugural national youth policy was developed in 1996 to give direction on youth programming in the country and to align with regional and global aspirations for youth empowerment.

Youth issues were not adequately addressed during the period, but were later regularised when the then Ministry of Youth, Sport and Culture was established in 2007. Mr Rakgare said a consultant has been engaged to guide on tapping into current realities and opportunities presented by the 4th Industrial Revolution (4IR).

He said 66 per cent of Botswana's population was between the ages 0-35 years as established by the 2022 population census. 34.9 per cent of the 66 per cent were youth aged between 15-35 years as per the African Union definition of youth which Botswana ascribed to.

For her part, Ms Pratt acknowledged government’s effort to invest in youth empowerment, saying it was commendable.

She said it was important to give young people a second chance to succeed through programmes that formed part of an ecosystem in order to stimulate the country’s economy.

**Zambia delegation tours Ramatlabama AI centre**

**By Alobakwe Molefi**

**RAMATLABAMA** - Head of delegation who is also Zambia Southern Province minister, Mr Credo Nanjuwa has expressed gratitude towards their working visit to Botswana, which included the tour of Ramatlabama artificial insemination and training centre. 

Speaking on the side-lines of the tour on Wednesday, Mr Nanjuwa said they were impressed by the deliberate action the country had made particularly in the livestock industry.

“We are here to see how best we can ignite and attach the political will to this kind of investment because we too in Zambia are livestock farmers,” he said.

Apart from the developments done at Ramatlabama artificial insemination and training centre, he said they were also impressed by the disease control fence erected along Molopo River.

Mr Nanjuwa said the fence was a good initiative as it goes a long way in ensuring that even if there was an outbreak of diseases like foot and mouth in neighbouring countries, local stock would not in any way be affected.

He said they were also looking to cordon their province back in Zambia to improve their beef industry.

Furthermore, he said the artificial insemination technology was also of great essence and assisting the role everyday citizens to be able to own expensive and exotic breeds at reasonable prices.

Good Hope/Mmathethe District chairperson Mr Funki Motsaathebe said Botswana and Zambia had long enjoyed a history of cooperation.

He said the visit would afford the two to share knowledge and come up with African solutions for the betterment of the lives of their citizens.

“The visit fosters the idea of regional integration, it shows that it is not just an abstract theory,” he said. **BOPA**
Governor Pratt appreciates prisons mandate

By Moshe Galeragwe

Gaborone - Protection of the society remains high in the mandate of the Botswana Prison Service, says the Minister of Defence and Security, Mr Kagiso Mmusi.

Welcoming Governor General of The Bahamas, Dame Cynthia Alexandra Pratt at the Village prisons facilities in Gabarone on Wednesday, Mr Mmusi said the department was committed to building a high performance culture towards becoming a model institution of correctional service.

“This has involved repositioning, realigning and re-engineering the prison service to achieve its mandate,” he said.

He, therefore, said Botswana and The Bahamas have much to gain from each other in terms of cooperation and exchange in areas of defence and security.


In that regard, Minister Mmusi said the mandate of the department was a mammoth and dignified task, given their responsibility to provide safe custodial care for offenders as well as rehabilitating and reintegrating them into the society.

The Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Defence and Security, Ms Pearl Ramokoka, said the visit by the Governor General was a milestone in advancing collaboration efforts between the two nations.

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He also called for an inclusion of women, youth and people living with disabilities.

President Masisi made the call during the Chobe Agricultural Show in Pandamatenga yesterday, and said whatever agricultural business they were pursuing, they should integrate them.

He appreciated Pandamatenga Commercial Farmers Association for involving some young farmers, saying it would bring in an array of ideas.

“Unity and collaboration among farmers and other related actors as a necessary condition for dynamic and sustainable agriculture development,” President Masisi emphasised.

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“The programmes are output-based and are aimed at driving growth of the agricultural sector and improving its contribution to the country’s Gross Domestic Product (GDP),” he said.

He further noted that the programmes were proving to be an equally strategic intervention dubbed Horticulture Impact Accelerator Subsidy (IAS) fund that provided 50 per cent of financing for all inputs required for each horticultural package a farmer would want to develop.

Dr Masisi informed the gathering that in the past few years, the agricultural sector had undergone changes and advancements in various agricultural methods and technologies.

On that basis, he said government was committed to developing the agriculture sector with infrastructure such as roads where silos had been developed to enhance production.

“It should be noted that all these are in line with the Botswana’s development plan as well as Bob祖mane’s development agenda, the Malabo Declaration, which targets public and private sector investment in agriculture and food security, increasing sectoral output and productivity through diversification and intensification for protecting the environment to ensure sustainability for production,” he said.

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Councillors de bush roads to masimo settlements

GABORONE - The Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development, through councils, continues to de bush roads to masimo, settlements under the Ipelegeng programme provided the community or residents at the said locality have prioritised such roads leading to masimo and councils were reluctant to grade the roads, Mr Palelo Motaosane had asked the minister to update Parliament on the state of the roads to masimo and settlements.

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"In the meantime, he said the ministry was looking into procuring porta cabins for temporary relief while a more permanent solution was being undertaken.

Mr Kgetjie Gobotswago, MP for Sehale/Ramokgonami, had asked the minister to update Parliament on the state of the Machaneng District Agricultural offices and state whether there were plans to construct new ones.

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Mr Moagi said due to the high cost of concrete poles, the project was implemented in phases with the first phase having started in the swampy areas which were prone to flooding and would continue to other areas to include those prone to veld fires.

"This develops indicates a promising future for the local production of concrete poles," he said.

He added that despite BPC being the primary consumer of concrete poles and cross arms in Botswana, the decision was made to involve the Botswana Investment and Trade Centre (BITC), a government entity responsible for investment promotion, in driving the initiative.

"Thereafter, the company will be better placed to compete as a local supplier to BPC through its tender and procurement process," he added.

Member of Parliament for Ghanzi North, Mr John Thite, had asked the minister to, among others, state when the ministry would consider using concrete poles in veld fire prone areas as a long-term solution taking into account their superior fire rating and other factors compared to timber and steel poles and to elaborate on the Economics of Interest (EOD 353/19) concerning the establishment of a manufacturing plant for the production, supply and delivery of concrete poles and cross arm to Botswana Power Corporation. BOPA
Reforms must reflect nation’s aspirations

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Pratt hails Botswana tourism

By Pako Lehanna

GABORONE - Botswana, a country already doing well in the tourism sector, has the potential to further boost that segment of the economy through leveraging on the experience of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas, which is considered one of the world’s major players in the field.

In an interview with BOPA after a visit to Botswana during a three-day trip to the Molokodi Nature Reserve on Wednesday, the Governor General of The Bahamas, Dame Cynthia Pratt waxed lyrical about the spending power and potential of the Bahamian tourists, saying the government was committed to ensuring the practical implementation of the ideal of cooperation with Botswana.

“I believe we need to develop people to people ties. In a year to 18 months’ time, I would love to identify airlines to have special direct flight charter, for people from The Bahamas to come to The Bahamas to see our people coming here, to spend holidays in the other country. We could lay out a special programme for people who are interested in trade, investment, tourism and education, give them time to plan on time, make it affordable.”

That is the next practical step and we will make a proposal to the Botswana government on how to execute that,” Mr Mitchell said. BOPA

By Esther Mmolai

PANDAMATENGA - The Ministry of Agriculture’s realized one of its undertakings in Pandamatenga is motivation to Chobe District farmers to effectively use the fertile farming fields to increase production and improve food security says Chobe, Member of Parliament, Mr Machana Shamukuni.

Mr Machana Shamukuni said farmers would now have no excuse to produce more as government had constructed state of the art storage facility for their harvest. Government through Special Economic Zone Authority (SEZA) constructed a set of 12 silos to bring the total number to 18 with a storage capacity of 60 000 metric tonnes.

Mr Shamukuni who is also Minister of Justice made the remarks Wednesday during the commissioning of the silos, stating that residents would put them to good use.

He said they were constructed following complaints from farmers that the existing ones did not have sufficient capacity for their harvest, and hailed the government for responding positively to their plea.

The commissioning of these silos are a testament to the government commitment to delivering its promises and making an assurance that farmers in our district will strive to increase their production to fill up all the silos.

In two years’ time, we will make another set of silos to construct more the silos,” he added.

Furthermore, he appreciated that the silos would not only benefit the farmers but projects in agro-processing sector as well. Mr Shamukuni noted that it was government’s wish to see big trucks transporting variety of products from Pandamatenga to other countries.

He said such trucks from South Africa were transiting through Pandamatenga exporting products to countries as Democratic Republic of Congo and Zambia among others. Mr Shamukuni urged stakeholders in the agriculture sector to work as a team, to ensure the silos produced expected results. The aim is to empower Batswana to become self-reliant and eventually improve quality of their lives, Mr Shamukuni said.

Minister of Trade and Industry, Mr Mmusi Kgafela thanked Chobe Land board for availing land for the project saying Pandamatenga was one of the special economic zones, to foster economic growth and empower Batswana to venture into farming, feed the nation and sell surplus.

It was reported that the board had allocated 97 000 hectares of land of which 45 000 was used by commercial farmers in the area.

Mr Kgafela said that SEZA was transforming the area into an agriculture hub that combined modern farming and appreciated those who played a key role towards success of the project.

He was hopeful that the silos would facilitate more agro - production from the farms.

Mr Kgafela said the project was one of government’s promises aimed to ensure advancement of the agricultural sector and contribute to the growth of the economy.

“We want to produce products that can penetrate the global space and compete with other countries. I believe these silos will boost food and agro production,” he added.

By Marvin Motshabane

GABORONE - The Local Enterprise Authority (LEA) is ready to support Chema Chema beneficiaries with advanced targeted business development interventions upon conducting its thorough diagnostic review at enterprise level, says LEA acting Chief Executive Officer, Mr Godfrey Molefe.

Briefly BOPA Wednesday on the planned training and development approaches for beneficiaries, Mr Molefe said LEA was determined to support the government’s target of ensuring that the disbursed fund benefitted potential start-ups in the market.

Mr Molefe said Chema Chema Fund targeted both start-ups and progressing clients, therefore upon receiving a pool of clients awaiting funding they offered them basic awareness training in entrepreneurship, records keeping, customer service and workplace health and safety.

He said this was done in recognition that the majority of applicants had never run a business before, and as such there were high chances of using the funds inappropriately thereby derailing the entire purpose of the programme.

He said upon this phase and with singular emphasis on each enterprise, LEA’s planning focused on conducting an end to end diagnostic review on each enterprise to appreciate its developmental needs and interventions.

He also said this diagnostic study dwelled heavily into understanding the entire business procedures, management, employee relations, the product or service offering, the pricing, customers, and market access among other aspects.

Mr Molefe said the results will provide better acumen on how to assist each business to meet its envisaged growth, however he maintained that those with matching challenges particularly market access would be grouped and assisted in unison.

This group should support small businesses by availing market access and through their advocacy with the Ministry of Trade and Industry they hoped to support and sustain these infant industries locally.

Based on the latter, Mr Molefe said the local industry was infested with unfair practices which hinder small business growth, citing they stand ready to revoke licenses permitting giant businesses to typically sell the same products sold by small entities.

He said their existence and interference will be to ensure that there was fair practice and support for upcoming businesses within the home soil.

He said LEA’s advocacy would guarantee that certain products such as diphaphata, menoto, chicken livers and horticultural produce were left for small businesses.

Mr Molefe said they noted that for horticultural produce there was a huge challenge with retail outlets as mostly they ask businesses to deliver vegetables to their stores on the basis that they shall be paid once their product has been sold in their shops.

He said Molefe reiterated that to this them was an unfair practice which called for their intervention as mandated by the Small Business Act of 2017, therefore he said they were working on setting a permanent and reliable market for horticultural projects.

This will ensure that small businesses get their monies upon delivery of their produce, allowing them ample time to focus on their produce in the field as opposed to struggling with retail outlets.

He said LEA would ensure that there was quality produce from all horticultural farmers enrolled with them through provision of advance interventions that look into inputs used in the production lines. BOPA

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LEA supports Chema Chema Fund benefit from initiatives

Photo: Godfrey Mpuse

New silos motivate Pandamatenga farmers

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    d. Alligator crack repairs
    e. Skerry Seal Application
    f. Aircraft Tie Downs
  - The Procuring Entity is Civil Aviation Authority of Botswana
  - Procurement Method is: Open Domestic Bidding
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Tender Title: PROCUREMENT OF SERVICES FOR RUBBER DEPOSIT REMOVAL AT CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY OF BOTSWANA’S FOUR INTERNATIONAL AIRPORTS (SKSIA, KIA, MIA AND PGMA)

- Sealed Tender offers are invited for the provision of:
  PROCUREMENT OF SERVICES FOR RUBBER DEPOSIT REMOVAL AT CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY OF BOTSWANA’S FOUR INTERNATIONAL AIRPORTS (SKSIA, KIA, MIA AND PGMA)

  - The Procuring Entity is Civil Aviation Authority of Botswana
  - Procurement Method is: Open Domestic Bidding
  - Preference margins will be applied to qualifying bidders in line with the Economic Diversification Drive (EDD) as per EDD certificate. Eligible bidders must submit valid EDD Certificate.
  - Bidders who are domiciled in Botswana, must, in order to be considered for the award of the contract, be registered with the Public Procurement Regulatory Authority in the following categories:
    Code: Code 03 – Engineering Works (Civil Engineering Work), Sub code: 01 – Construction (Roads, Infrastructure, Airfields), Grade OC
  - In addition, the local associates, JV partner or his sub-contractors shall possess the following codes:
    Code: Code 03 – Civil Engineering Works, Sub code: Sub code 01 – Construction (Roads, Infrastructure, Airfields), Grade OC
  - This tender is open to local Contractors in line with Section 53 of the Public Procurement Act.
  - The physical address for collection of tender documents is: Procurement Office 1001, First Floor, SKSA Terminal Building.

  - Documents may be collected during working hours between 08:30hrs and 1600hrs from 01 August 2024.
  - A non-refundable fee of BWSP250.00 payable by cash in favour of the Civil Aviation Authority of Botswana is required on collection of the tender documents.
  - Youth-Owned businesses will purchase at a half price of BWSP 125.00 and shall present certified copies of Form of Registrar of Companies listing shareholders and directors, share certificates and ID of directors and shareholders.
  - Proof of payment is required on collection of the tender documents.
  - Any enquiries or queries with respect to this Tender must be in writing and addressed to the Chief Procurement Officer using the contact details specified in this Invitation to tender and must be received on or before 16th August 2024.
  - Such an enquiry/query must be clearly marked either “Enquiry/Query: Tender No: CAAB 04/24-25/WORK” a works contract for the procurement of services for rescaling of general aviation apron at Kasane International Airport.
  - Interested bidders may obtain further information relating to the tender and bidding documents during working hours as stated by emailing tender@caab.co.bw.
  - A compulsory site visit and/or tendering meeting with representatives of the Procuring Entity will take place at Kasane International Airport on the 09 August 2024 starting at 0000 hrs. Kasane International Airport Manager and Procurement Officer may be contacted at key point 255000. Bidders are required to bring reflector vests and Omani during time of site visit in order to access Airside.

  - The closing date and time for acceptance of sealed tender offers is 30 th of August 2024 1800hrs.
  - Tender opening will be on 30th August 2024 at 1030hrs.
  - Late tender offers will not be accepted.

  - The tender evaluation will follow Least Cost Selection Evaluation Procedure.

  - The Bid Submission Method is: One Envelope Submission Method in which a tenderers financial and technical offer is submitted together in one sealed envelope.

  - One (1) copy marked ORIGINAL, and two (2) duplicate marked copies in one sealed envelope clearly marked.

  - Tender Reference No: CAAB 05/24-25/WORK, PROCUREMENT OF SERVICES FOR RUBBER DEPOSIT REMOVAL AT CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY OF BOTSWANA’S FOUR INTERNATIONAL AIRPORTS (SKSIA, KIA, MIA AND PGMA) shall be delivered to: Civil Aviation Authority of Botswana, Sir Seretse Khama International Airport, Terminal Building, Plot No.17/401, Office number 1001, First Floor, Gabarone, Private Bag SKG, Gabarone, Botswana.

  - The name and address of the bidder should be clearly marked on the envelope.

  - The Public Procurement Regulatory Authority Standardised Conditions of Tender for Works shall apply to this procurement, for which all the applicable Tender Data is contained in the tender documents.

  - Notwithstanding anything in the foregoing, the Government of Botswana is not bound to accept the lowest or any tender offer.
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PRIME MINISTER'S STATE VISIT

Ms Pratt is on a five-day state visit to Botswana. Ms Pratt’s visit is part of a wider mission to expand diplomatic, trade, health and financial services. The visit started with a state banquet in her honour, a tour of the Ministry of Defence and Security, and a visit to the women’s prison in Gaborone. The Governor General also toured the Desert Mission School and Francistown Secondary School.

Ms Pratt (left) during a tour of Our Lady of the Desert Cathedral preschool in Francistown. The Governor General also toured the church and the primary school.

Governor General Pratt examining one of the large stones during her tour of DTCB.

Francistown traditional troupe welcoming Ms Pratt (centre) to Francistown. She was accompanied by District Commissioner, Ms Chabongwa Matseka (left), Minister of Finance, Ms Peggy Serame (second left) Francistown Mayor Godisang Radisigo.

Minister of Youth, Gender, Sport and Culture, Mr Tumiso Rakgare presenting a gift to Governor General Pratt at the Buy Botswana Made in Botswana (#PushaBW) Youth Products Exhibition at the National Museum.
Emang kgatlhanong le kgokgontsho

Ka Malebogo Lekula

CHARLESHILL - Batatsi ba Charleshill le sebathu ka kakekare ba gweithlelo go ema kgatlhanong le kgokgontsho go somarela matshelo a bana ba bone. Go thalale ka lelana ba seko, ba mamekane le namane le tswana ya go lwatsho horokuthi jwa go gweba ka batho go le go kartse go go batho ka batho, mme a kopa setsho ba thuana ya lefso wa mishaka ya lefelo le bana ba bone.

Go kgokgontsho go lehlo, go go bokutlhi, go go lwatsho horokuthi jwa go gweba ka batho. Go tlaa tlaa go le tlaa go lezwatsetse ba Charleshill ka Laborato.

Lekula setse le le ngwato mme ka ntfhemate ka batho ka meka le le go botlhokwa go lehlo. Go thalale le tlethe bana ba bone, le laa ke lea lea, le laa ke lea lea. Phutha go lelwá ka go lezwatsetse ka Charleshill.

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Banka ya Botswana a abela sekoile

Ka Gweditswe Kone

ZWENSHAMBE - Thuto e na le sebe se segotso go isangay go bana, ka ke go Losong go botlhokwa go reloetse gore tlokogo ya bone. Le e tlethe le le sekoile gore le bo le seletse gore go lezwatsetse ka Charleshill ka Laborato.

Ka jalo, no a re a go bekolela le segotso go lezwatsetse ka Charleshill ka Laborato. Le seketse gore go lezwatsetse ka Charleshill ka Laborato.

BOKA BASE - Botlhano Phatwe 2, 2024 Kgatiso 142

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Kgosö Kalishi (molemelo, mothusa molapelo), Rre Aaron Mafokate (mojeng) le bokutlhi ba kgolo ka goroga kwa lefelo le go lezwatsetse ka Charleshill ka lehlo, mme a bule jalo, ka melethegane le mme le seketse gore ba go lezwatsetse ka Charleshill ka Laborato.

Mo Tsego le seletse gore go lezwatsetse ka Charleshill ka Laborato.
By Aobakwe Molefi

**RAMATLABAMA** - Ms Hilda Motsipa, Acting Director of Animal Production in the Ministry of Agriculture, says over 17,000 semen straws have been collected from bulls recently procured from Texas. She said that during her presentation to a visiting delegation from Zambia on Wednesday at the Ramatlabama Artificial Insemination and Training Centre.

Responding to inquiries from the Zambian delegation on Botswana’s decision to purchase live animals instead of opting for semen straws, Ms Motsipa emphasised various critical factors influencing the choice.

“Genetics is constantly evolving, especially in beef cattle, and it is crucial that Botswana keeps pace with market demands and trends,” she stated.

Ms Motsipa highlighted the significant role of climate change, noting, “Since our first consignment of American bulls prior to our independence in 1966, cattle breeders have successfully improved genetics to adapt to current climatic conditions.”

The acting director also pointed out that the introduction of the new bulls would enable BOPA farmers to enhance the genetic quality of their herds, thereby preventing inbreeding that could occur when a single bull was used over extended periods.

In response, Ms Motsipa clarified that live cattle are, in fact, more economical, as one bull could produce an average of 60,000 straws.

Ms Motsipa explained. Looking ahead, she revealed that Botswana was preparing to export semen, with several countries already expressing interest.

Additionally, Ms Motsipa detailed plans for utilizing heifers to harvest embryos, enabling farmers to purchase purebred animals with the option to have embryos implanted into their existing livestock.

She affirmed that embryo transplants would be conducted at the center, where state-of-the-art laboratory facilities were available.

**Lethlakeng District faces P33 million budget deficit**

By Motshu Galekhutle

**LETLHAKENG** - Lethlakeng District Council is grappling with a recurrent budget deficit of P33 million which accumulated over the years and is hugely impacting on the council operations.

This was revealed by Lethlakeng District Council secretary, Mr Tšholofelo Molaodi during a special council session aimed at responding to questions raised from the previous council meeting.

Due budgetary constraints, Mr Molaodi said the council was struggling to fulfill operations.

He explained that management and maintenance plan of the internal roads was hugely affected and that there was a backlog from last year.

Mr Molaodi however, told the council that funds had been secured to maintain council grader and backhoe loader hence he was hopeful that maintenance of the roads would be done soon.

He regretted that almost all vulcan pots across primary schools in the district needed repairs or replacement, making preparation of food for pupils a cumbersome exercise.

Amid the budget crisis, Mr Molaodi pledged that the council would do all in its powers to implement the council procurement plan.

Responding to the councilors’ call to review National Policy on Destitute Persons of 2002, Lethlakeng District Council Secretary-Operations, Ms Delic Sebutlenyane stated.

She said this during her...
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Gudzemele, Mofokeng, 73 687 558.

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FARM WORKER NEEDED

At Mafalalu, Khwarenwe ward. Contact: 73 514 031

APPLICATION FOR CHANGE

IN PURSUANCE of Section 31 of the Administration of Estate Act (cap: 33:01), the deceased persons concerned persons specified below are hereby invited to attend meetings at the office of the master located of Gaborone High Court (on Thursday) the 9th day of September 2024 at 12:00 NOON.

All the respective meetings, the last of which are to be appointed Executors Desires, identify beneficiaries and to discuss any other business relating to the estates of the deceased persons.

For more information concerning the deceased persons estate please contact the Master's Office at 37180003, 37180003

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FARM WORKER WANTED

At Seve Farms in Jwaneng, Cattlepost, P.O. Box 793 AAH, Gaborone.

HERDMAN WANTED

At Oodi Farms. Apply to Justice Sethibe, Box AE 853 AEH Molapo, P.O. Box 8178, Gaborone.

FARM WORKER WANTED

Kuang, Box 262 78 088 965.

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Tsetse, Box 115 2 Selebi Phikwe.

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PROPOSAL TO ENTER INTO A CONTROLLED TRANSACTION

IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA HELD AT:

Gaborone

P.O. Box 3497

P.O. Box 1278  MAUN |

& Telefax: 3915841/ 74586185

Tel: 72294686.

THE PROPOSAL IS AS FOLLOWS:

Applicant: The Director - Farm Workers

P.O. Box 9486 Gaborone

APPLICANT

P.O. Box 1449 Gaborone.

Deadline for Submissions: 15/08/2024.

APPLICATION FOR CERTIFIED COPY OF

LOST TITLE DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that KALAFI DAY HOSPITAL intends to enter into a contract for the provision of services for private practice license from MOH and work experience of at least five years in retail pharmacy. Send your application before 20/08/2024 to: The Director, SRO SAK Exports and Imports (PTY) LTD, P O Box 988 Palapye.

WANTED: AIRCON & REFRIGERATION technician with Diploma or equivalent qualification, 10 years experience in Air conditioning & refrigeration, at least 10 years experience. Apply: Frost-Free (Pty) Ltd Box 4696 Gaborone. Closing date: 17/08/2024

UPHOLSTERER-(10) years experience.He should be innovative, creative and able to be working with less supervision. Apply to The Manager, Anchor Holdts (PTY) LTD, P O Box 1449 Palapye. Closing date: 15/08/2024

Controller:

In the estate of the Late Kenekele Msibwane who died at Princess Marina Hospital, Gaborone, Gaborone District, Botswana on the 13th day of March, 2018.

AMBROSIA PATRICK

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IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

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for the consideration amount of P700 000.00 ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY THOUSAND PULA excluding any VAT/transfer cost consequential to the transaction.

Reasoning: the transaction is hereby agreed to by the applicant of Botswana interested in entering into a similar transaction in respect of the property.

In the absence of the applicant, the transaction is hereby agreed to by the applicant of Botswana interested in entering into a similar transaction in respect of the property.

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Name of Deceased Person

Date of Death

Moses Palani

1100 HRS

ESHMN-00006-23

23-09-2024

DATED AT MAUN THIS 26TH DAY OF JULY 2024

Masters reference:

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This is a declaration in terms of the conditions as well as the interest of the Applicant and Applicant.

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BY ORDER OF THE COURT

Registrar of the High Court

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS

Administration of Estates Act (Cap.301)

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that by virtue of section 31 of the Administration of Estates Act (Cap.301), heirs and next of kin of the deceased relatives and all persons having claims against the above estate, are being called upon to attend before the Master of the High Court at Maun High Court on the dates and times specified opposite the names of their respective deceased relatives for purposes of determining for appointment, a person or persons as Executor/Executrix Date as well as identifying beneficiaries and to discuss any other business relating to their deceased relative. 

Name of Deceased Person

Time

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Kgosi Ya Mosadi concert returns

By Baleseng Botloinge

MOLEPOLOLE - Award winning songstress, Magdalene Lesolele, fondly known as Charma Gal to her hordes of fans is pulling out all the stops to ignite Molepolole Sports Complex with a second instalment of Kgosi Ya Mosadi Music Concert on the last weekend of August.

The Likhona hit-maker, known for velvety vocals and energetic stage presence said the second instalment of the Kgosi Ya Mosadi concert would take place in Molepolole in an effort to uplift the dark veil that had befallen Bakwena capital in the recent past.

The second edition of Kgosi Ya Mosadi In Concert will be held in Molepolole as a decision was made as a way of raising awareness about mounting incidences of gender-based violence in the village.

Molepolole has been a hot topic when it comes to issues of violence and abuse of women and children and as self-proclaimed Kgosi Ya Mosadi, I look to speak directly to the people against such social ills,” she said.

Charma Gal said the other reason why she took her concert to Molepolole was a way of paying tribute to the 45 victims of the Mnlatakula bus crash incident, most of whom were from Molepolole. The tragic accident hit home as a stark reminder to Charma Gal who lost members of her band in a car crash in 2016.

She said the concert in Molepolole would honour their memory. The accident remains one of the low moments of her musical journey.

Charma Gal hosted the first edition of the concert in 2022 which was seen as a celebration of her musical sojourn which spans a little over 20 years.

Quizzed on whether the first concert lived up to its hype, Charma Gal said it went according to plan despite the low numbers of revelers.

Notwithstanding that, she said they were working round the clock to make the second edition an outstanding accomplishment.

She said the upcoming concert must instill in Bakwena, confidence and bring them together while at the same time inspiring her fans.

Charma Gal has invited Congolese rumba superstar, Koffi Olimodie as the main supporting act. A number of other artists including: Tshwanele, Likhona, Korone, Maselele, and Vee Mampeezy among others.

Charma Gal will also be joined on stage by Culture Spears, the group that laid the foundation for the music scene.

They released a debut album called Korone in 2005 and hit the studio again two years later for a sophomore album that broke international records, Kalonvane.

Charma Gal took a detour for another project and scored equal success even after a break from Culture Spears.

She ventured into a solo project and delivered another hit, Tshwanele, Likhona, Tselele, and Tshwanele.

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Botswana Police Service looks back with pride

By Baleseng Botloinge

RAMOTSWA - President Dr Mokgweetsi Masisi will tomorrow join the Botswana Police Service (BPS) members and other Botswana to celebrate and reflect on the positive milestones achieved in the organisation’s 140 years’ history.

The Botswana Police Day is celebrated annually to give recognition to the services rendered by the men and women in uniform and also honour those who have made sacrifices to protect and serve their nation with pride and humility.

Speaking on the side-lines of intensive preparations for the celebrations, the BPS spokesperson, Assistant Commissioner (ACP) Dipheto Motube, said the BPS had set the day to reflect on their past with pride and celebrate the achievements.

The BPS has made significant strides in recent years to modernise and professionalise its operations with strong focus on community policing and community engagement.

“At establishment in 1884, we started off with a paltry 100 men but today we are talking about several thousand officers across different professional fields. We are now looking back with pride in terms of localisation, transport and communications, technological skills and experiences among others,” added ACP Motube.

He said they envisioned an organisation that was digitally advanced and they were moving in the right direction as they had managed to digitalise five services namely livestock permits, public order permits, fire arms permits, fingerprint print clearance and motor vehicle clearance permits.

Among notable achievements, he noted the recently introduced Adopt-A-Police Station initiative, meant to improve the ambience of police stations for better service delivery.

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The BPS of today has evolved from three forces namely the Botswana Mounted Police of 1884, the 1885 Bechuanaland Border Police and Bechuanaland Protectorate Force of 1902. With the attainment of Independence in 1966, the name changed to the Botswana Police Force until the organisation was rebranded the Botswana Police Service in 1997.

It has grown from two divisions (North and South), to five and the successful introduction of the forensic sciences division and cybercrime branches.

In 2009 the BPS introduced the air support branch to boost aerial patrol operations especially in inaccessible areas. In 2011 the organisation introduced 60 days of action on crime and road safety campaign in an effort to attempt to reduce crime and improve road safety during the festive period each year.

Another initiative is the famed Kgomo Khumo operation, which was delivered in 2018 and made positive strides.

The sting anti-livestock theft operation has led to numerous arrests with many cases still before many courts countrywide.

Also noteworthy is the specialised dog unit dubbed the K9 section, a fully-fledged regiment comprising a variety of species.

The unit is managed by the special support group, the BPS Crime Dog Unit, an arm responsible for among others giving support to stations and providing anti-poaching services.

According to records, in 1885 Lieutenant Colonel Frederick Carrington, was appointed the first Commissioner of the then border police.

In 1979, Simon Hirschfeld was appointed the first Motswana Police Commissioner deployed by the late Lt Gen Mompodi Merape.


The first batch of eight women was recruited into the police force in 1971. The 2009 merger of BPS and Botswana Local Police was another milestone that gave birth to an integrated police service. In 1997 the organisation rebranded, which was seen as a major transformation embracing the new vision, mission, values and corporate goals.
FNBB announces P28.5m league sponsorship

By Anastacia Sibanda

GABORONE - Botswana’s premier league will now be called FNB Premiership, following the announcement of a three-year deal valued at P28.5 million between the Botswana Football League and First National Bank Botswana (FNBB).

The new logo and the kika-inspired trophy were also unveiled during the sponsorship launch in Gaborone yesterday.

Speaking at the event, FNBB CEO Stephen Bogatsu said the sponsorship would start at the beginning of the 2024/2025 football season.

He said the funds would go toward prize money, awards ceremonies, grants and administration fees.

Bogatsu said FNBB’s goal with the sponsorship was not only to support the league financially, but also to contribute meaningfully to the development and success of professional football in Botswana.

“We aim to create an environment where young talents can flourish, where professional athletes can achieve their full potential, and where the sport can thrive at all levels,” he said.

He further said they were sponsoring football because they believed that the challenges faced by the Botswana football were the same throughout the world.

“We have decided to be part of football development and partner with you, because we know that you will rise above the challenges that you are currently facing,” he said.

FNBB, he said was dedicated to making a positive impact on the sport and all its stakeholders, and that included players, technical teams, administrators, and the fans who supported them.

He said their commitment extended beyond the pitch and aimed to ensure that the sponsorship enhanced the overall football ecosystem, promoted growth, professionalism, and sustainability.

He said football in particular had a profound impact on society, from encouraging youth participation to enhancing national pride.

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Bogatsu (left) and the FNBB marketing and communications director, Peo Porogo (second left) with Mamelodi (second right) and Botswana Football Association CEO, Mjolo Mjolo at the unveiling of the league’s name and trophy in Gaborone yesterday. The bank has sponsored the league with P28.5 million for a period of three years. Photo: Godfrey Mpase

“The principles, he said were accountability, compliance, credibility, entertainment, governance, integrity and value.

The principles, he said would be the driving force in the new ‘marriage’ going forward.

Mamelodi further said they would rely on the media to tell the story, good or bad, without fear or favour.

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Tsela Riders Cycling Club race Sunday

By Ketshepile More

GABORONE - Tsela Riders Cycling Club will host its third race of the year at the Borundi Private Lodge and Campsite on Sunday.

The race, which will be in 120km, 90km, 60km and 30km fun ride categories, will start from the campsite, going towards Rasesa, with designated turning points for each distance along the route.

Anticipated to compete in the race are strong competitors including Lloyd Molale, Gontse Lethokwe, Mathhugonolo Botlhole, Subho Gosh, Simphiwe Potongwane and Ted Makgetho.

Other riders expected to compete are Ryna Kenaope, Lebopo Kono, Moratwa Matlhaope and Nonono Maswabi.

With the aim to develop youth cycling within its community, the race is expected to attract more boys and girls competing for the youth category as well as the junior category.

“The Sunday race come in the hot heels of the Lucara Botswana General Manager’s challenge and expectation is that other riders’ fitness level will be put to a good test.

As for Tsela Riders Cycling Club members, the group has scheduled their training to improve their fitness and skill, which is expected to give them an advantage to dominate the podium on Sunday.

BOPA
Team Botswana set for busy weekend

By Anastacia Sihanda

GABORONE - Botswana athletes start their Paris 2024 Olympic Games assignments today, with Oraile Nowe lining up for the 800m while Letsile Tebogo will start with a 100m race on Saturday.

The 400m runners, Bayapo Ndori, Leungo Scotch and Collen Kebinatshipi will compete on Sunday.

Team Botswana coach, Chilume Ntshwarang, said the athletes were ready for the competition, adding that Nowe looked sharp in her past three training sessions and ready to do well today and proceed to the next round.

As for Tebogo, he said he looked sharp as he had been competing in the Diamond League meetings. He said Tebogo was ready for the 100m though it was a tricky event as it had other quality athletes.

He said the 400m runners were also in good shape and ready for battle. The coach said the technical team took into consideration the recovery of Ndori and Kebinatshipi from their previous intensive competitions during their training sessions.

“I think, we have managed them very well as they have managed to recover properly. We gave them rest where possible but at same time we gave them quality training,” he said.

The team’s physiotherapist, Clement Gaothuse, said the team was fit, as there were no injuries in the camp.

He said they had managed athletes’ recovery by giving them massages, stretches and relaxation.

“Since there are no injuries reported, all what I can say is that the team is ready to go and compete with the rest of the athletes,” he said. BOPA