

BRIEFS

Press Cane donates to Chikwawa police

Press Cane Limited has donated protective equipment to Chikwawa Police Station for onward handover to community policing structures. Speaking on Tuesday during the handover at Dyerat Primary School, Chikwawa Police Station district community policing coordinator Kingsley Mvuthe said the equipment will motivate community policing members to fight crime. "We want to strengthen the fight against crime," he said. Press Cane chief human resources and administration manager Francis Mndolo said secure environment provides a good platform for business to flourish. Community policing chairperson Norman Chagambatuka from Traditional Authority Katunga commended PressCane for the donation.—MARIAN MACHEKA, MALAWI NEWS AGENCY

Boy, 4, dies, 2 injured in Phalombe fire accident

A four-year-old boy from Salanya Village, Traditional Authority Mkhumba in Phalombe District died on Tuesday while two other minors sustained serious burns after their grass-thatched hut caught fire. Phalombe Police Station spokesperson Jimmy Kapanja identified the deceased as Essau Makwale. He said Makwale and his two friends Victor Mwalanga and Kelvin Mpando, both aged four, were playing inside the grass thatched hut when it caught fire. "Makwale and Mpando were referred to Zomba Central Hospital where Makwale died on arrival. Meanwhile, police have appealed to parents and guardians to always monitor their children.—THE NATION

Community hails project to protect forest reserve

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People in Senior Chief Tengan's area in Nsanje District have commended the Shire Valley Transformation Programme (SVTP) for introducing beekeeping which is protecting Matandwe Forest Reserve.

In an interview on Tuesday, Mthumba Beekeeping Club chairperson Emmanuel Banda said through the project, community members have stopped cutting down trees for charcoal.

He said: "Previously, people relied on the forest for their livelihood as they were not involved in any income-generating activity.

"However, cutting down trees for charcoal production led to deforestation."

Banda said beekeeping is more profitable than charcoal business, therefore, urged community members to start bee farming.

A community member James Piriminta said the number of people cutting



PHOTOGRAPH: MARTIN GELA JNR

Community members mount a beehive in the forest

down trees for charcoal and timber has declined since the project began.

"Deforestation affects the environment in terms of rainfall patterns. Nsanje is prone to natural disasters such as droughts and floods, partly due to deforestation which has led to soil erosion and siltation of rivers," he said.

Nsanje District forestry officer Noel Moyso said bee farming is one of the

initiatives that has reversed deforestation in Matandwe Forest.

"Beekeeping is a sustainable forest management approach that can sustain livelihoods and improve nutrition among people," he said.

Ministry of Natural Resources and Climate Change chief forestry officer Titus Zulu encouraged the club to take care of the bees as it is a source of income,

food, medicine and also part of the environment.

"We are doing everything to maintain the forest to support communities who depend on it," he said.

The Shire Valley Transformation Programme is implementing the beekeeping project in the district with funding from the World Bank.

Matandwe Forest Reserve was gazetted in 1931. ■

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Call for Transportation Services

The PMI VectorLink Project in Malawi is currently seeking firm, fixed unit price bids provision of transportation services (vehicle and driver) for:

1. Minibuses (14-seater and 16 seater).
2. Land cruisers (12-seater).
3. 4x4 SUVs.

The PMI VectorLink Project intends to issue firm fixed unit price purchase order as a result of this solicitation up to the amount necessary to satisfy the project's needs. Service Agreement will be issued to the lowest bid per item determined to be technically acceptable in accordance with the requirements provided in this solicitation. This procurement may be split between multiple vendors.

The PMI VectorLink Project now invites interested bidders to submit a bid for the supply of the needed vehicles. Bids should be submitted through email or hand delivery or courier services enclosed in sealed envelopes clearly marked with Request for Proposal (RFP) identifier as follows "Abt Associates – Transportation Services Spray Operations: RFP No. 013-2022 [Your company name]" or "Abt Associates – Transportation Services Spray Operations" and "Transportation Services 4x4 SUV RFP No. 014-2022[Your company name]" or "Abt Associates – Transportation Services 4x4 SUV".

A complete set of bidding documents is available for issuance to interested bidders at Abt Associates, PMI VectorLink Project Office, Kang'ombe House, 8th Floor, City Centre, Lilongwe, Malawi/contact the following email address for full set of bidding documents: Malawi@pmivectorlink.com. The bidding documents may be collected from 22nd August 2022 up to 29th August 2022 between 09:00 AM and 05:00 PM (with an exception of one hour lunch break between 12:00 PM – 01:00 PM).

Note: Bids shall be delivered at Abt Associates/PMI VectorLink Project office premises/ or to: Malawi@pmivectorlink.com, no later than 30th August 2022 at 10:00 AM. The bids opening will take place on 30th August 2022 at 10:30 AM in the presence of the bidders who wish to attend.

Questions may be directed to Malawi@pmivectorlink.com

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St Columba CCAP is a Christ centered Church in Blantyre Synod with a population of about 5,000 members located in Njambe near Njambe Freedom Park in Blantyre.

The Church is looking for persons with relevant education background, experience and interpersonal skills to fill the above mentioned post.

REQUIRED SKILLS AND ABILITIES

Applicants must be:

- Self-starter who is able to work with minimum supervision and possess good communication and interpersonal skills at all levels.
- Team player who is prepared to start work immediately.

DUTIES

- Manage Human Resource work.
- Submit employment requisition for the departments for approval by Management (Session Executive).
- Compiling, collecting and distributing Staff Appraisal Forms to Departments.
- Process, auditing recommendations and Appraisal Forms to Management.
- Prepare and ensuring all Labour Statutory Returns are completed and distributed on time.
- Process and control administrative issues affecting various work units at the station in close liaison with Units Supervisors.
- Administering the Pension Scheme.
- Initiating and following up Claims and Group Pension Cover and workers Compensation Cover.
- Ensuring that staff in various work units process their complaints in accordance with grievance procedure.
- Coordinate transport operations.
- Process and monitor progress of claims raised by the departments on burglary, fidelity, vehicles, Group accidents and workers compensation.

QUALIFICATION AND EXPERIENCE

- Minimum of a Diploma in Human Resource Management.
- Computer literacy is a must.
- Be able to work within strict deadlines.
- Knowledge of CCAP operations will be an added advantage.

Interested persons should submit their applications in own handwriting and detailed Curriculum Vitae, names of three(3) traceable referees should be sent to the address below before closure of business of 1st September, 2022.

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