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# Date set for Gweru mayoral elections

Barely a month after Gweru Mayor councilor Josiah Makombe has been recalled by the Douglas Mwonzora led Movement For Democratic Change (MDC-T), a date has been announced for the election of a new mayor for the city.

Tuesday 11th January 2022, is set for the selection of a new mayor who is expected to lead the city until the general elections in 2023.

Among those reported to be running for office are, former mayor of Gweru and ward 1, Clr Hamutendi Kombayi, Ward 9 Clr Edson Kurebgaseka, and ward 18, Clr John Manyudwa.

"The dates for the election

of the mayor of Gweru was hurriedly announced and as a party (MDC-T Midlands) we have called for an emergency executive meeting on Sunday to discuss the issue. We need to look at the candidates interested to occupy the office, as you are aware some councilors are still loyal to Chamisa's MDC-A," said a senior MDC-T official.

A source at Town House said the recalled Gweru mayor Dr Makombe may file for an urgent interdict to stop the election as he is still fighting his dismissal at the High court in Bulawayo.

"Remember we are dealing with someone who is a fighter, he (Dr Makombe) has the

Germany never surrender attitude, let's wait and see what happens on Monday," said the source who requested not to be named.

MDC-T president Douglas Mwonzora on December 12, 2021, recalled Gweru Mayor Josiah Makombe after he pledged loyalty to his nemesis, MDC Alliance leader Nelson Chamisa.

Makombe is the current president of the Urban Council's Association of Zimbabwe (UCAZ)

When contacted for comment, Dr Makombe said as the Gweru mayor he is going to issue a statement over the weekend.



Recalled Gweru Mayor councilor Josiah Makombe



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Crash diets and rapid weight loss may increase the levels of cholesterol in the bile, which may lead to higher chances of developing cholesterol gallstones, so weight loss should be slow and steady, ideally.

## Corpse goes 3 months without identification

Staff Reporter

**Kwekwe**-Zimbabwe Republic Police (ZRP) is concerned with cases of people who are dying without identification particulars in the areas where they are not known, making their identification difficult.

The call comes in the backdrop of a dead body of a man having gone for three months without being identified.

A man only identified as Aloy Ncube boarded a Honda fit which was involved in a fatal road accident along Kwekwe-Gokwe road at Tiger Reef junction and died on the spot

The accident occurred on the 21st of October 2021 around 1445hours.

The deceased is dark in complexion, approximately 30 years medium built, and approximately 1.5

meters in height. He was wearing a red T-Shirt inscribed 'Manchester United', Black pair of jean trousers and black shoes.

Midlands Police spokesperson, Inspector Emmanuel Mahoko appealed to members of the public who are missing a relative matching the description given to approach Kwekwe Traffic or any nearest Police Station.

The body is being held at Kwekwe General Hospital Mortuary.

"Members of the public must appreciate that it is always important to have identification particulars at all times and where possible have a trusted person know your movements. These will assist when the need arises," added Mahoko.

# Water rationing triggers Gweru budget

Gweru City Council, which missed its revenue collection target by over ZW\$1 billion last year due to mainly water rationing, has resorted to Public Private Partnerships (PPPs) to complement residents and businesses revenue contribution.

In 2021, council operated on a ZW\$2,9 billion budget and the out-turn reflects that council managed to rake in ZW\$1,85 billion, giving a negative variance of just over ZW\$1 billion.

Addressing GCC councillors, management, stakeholders and the media while giving the city's 2021 report, acting mayor Councillor Cleopas Shiri said council is now looking at PPPs as a way of increasing revenue collection instead of relying on ratepayers.

"The missed target was due to increased water rationing that resulted in depressed water sales, Covid-19 induced closures of informal trader's markets, and non-implementation of the proposed new valuation roll, which was sent back to the Ministry of Local Government and Public Works for corrections," he said.

Clr Shiri said total billing amounted to ZW\$1,8 billion while total revenue collected amounted to ZW\$1,1 billion.

"Total receivable amount to ZW\$1,2 billion. Our total creditors outstanding amount to ZW\$282 million. Our recovery rate on current billing stood at 63,39percent and in 2022, Council will make endeavours to better the ratio and by that council shall introduce stringent debt recovery measures," he said.

Clr Shiri said council entered into a partnership with Harare Easy Park in a bid to reduce revenue leakages and this gave birth to the automation of the parking system.

"Since the coming in of Harare Easy Park to our city, forming Gweru City Parking, council managed to reinforce all the revenues coming from parking and managed to procure a Truck Backhoe Loader, which will help in the rehabilitation of council roads. Council also entered into a partnership with Bentach for the rehabilitation of Kudzanayi Bus Terminus following the ninth cabinet resolution which advised local authorities to take advantage of the national lockdown to decongest and renovate market places.

Under the same initiative, Council managed to create Mtapu Market, partnering with the Ministry of Local Government and Public Works and UNDP for the construction of SMEs shops and markets." *Chronicle*

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## PRESS STATEMENT

### IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON SUBMISSION OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE AUCTION BID DOCUMENTATION AND DEFERMENT OF FIRST AUCTION OF 2022

The Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe wishes to advise the public that the spike in Covid-19 infections has impacted negatively on the ability of Authorised Dealers to timeously submit essential information required to carry out the due diligence on auction bid documentation submitted by their clients. As a result, Authorised Dealers were not able to submit all the required information for the first auction of 2022, originally set for 11 January 2022.

In order to give Authorised Dealers sufficient time to carry out the necessary due diligence and submit the required documentation, the first auction of 2022 will be held on 18 January 2022.

**John P Mangudya**  
Governor

**6 January 2022**

# Gweru to be the Capital city of Zimbabwe?

**Gweru-** A newly formed political party the Human Orate Republic National Party 'HORN' has declared that if it wins the 2023 general elections, it will change Zimbabwe's capital city from Harare to Gweru.

Speaking during a press conference recently, 'HORN' President, Struck Ngwenya said his party is geared towards the decentralization of power from Harare to Gweru as an effort to drive the devolution mantra.

He added that as a party they are going to see the establishment of provincial parliaments which would see that local resources will be utilized to develop provinces.

"We are a new party and we are here to bring change, as we want to share our vision with the Citizens of Zimbabwe. First things first we want to change the capital city of this country to Gweru.

"We want to decentralize services from Harare and bring most offices here in Gweru because it is the central point, we have people who come from rural areas who have been failing to get services due to distance.

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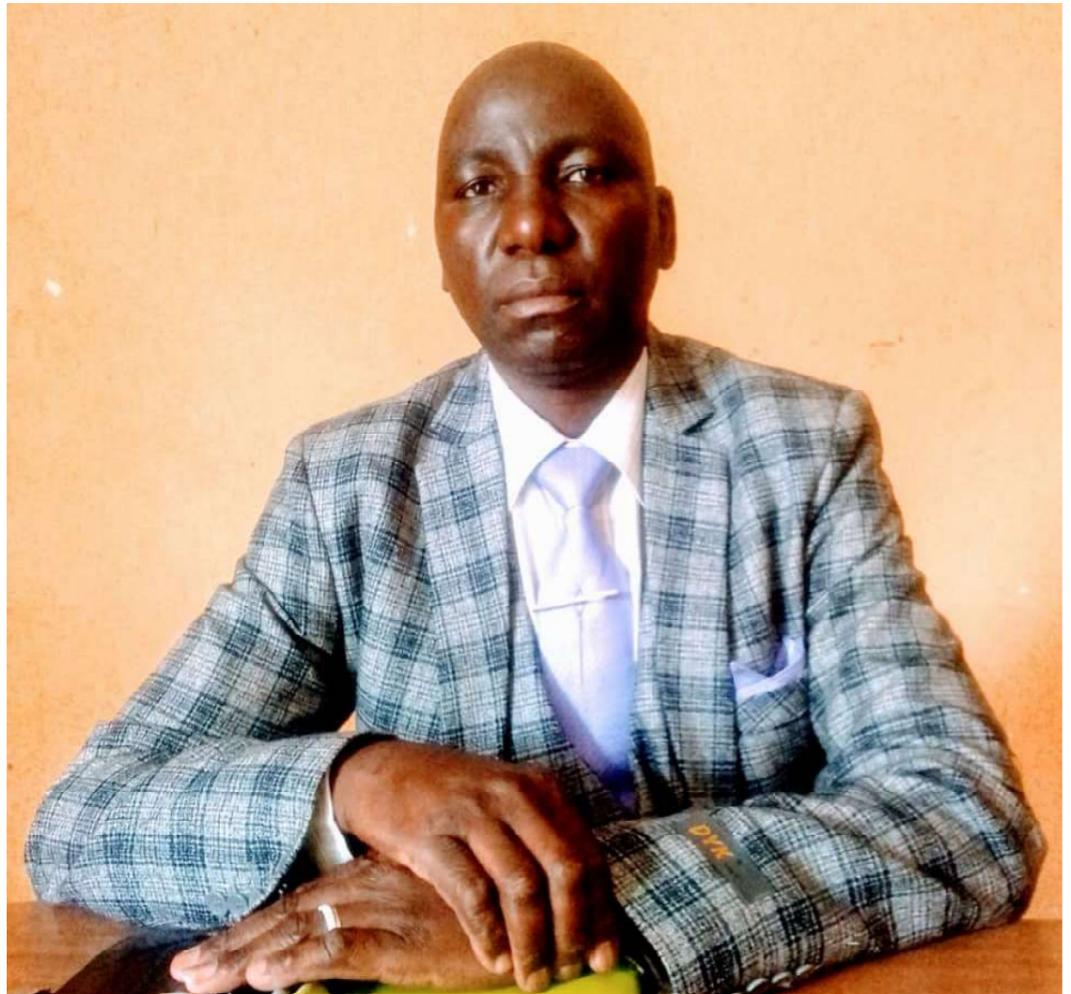
Ngwenya said he is a veteran in politics as he once sat in a committee that was headed by Professor Jonathan Moyo during the drafting of the failed constitution.

"I remember quitting the constitution-making process after discovering how the process was consolidating power to ZANU PF alone, sidelining other players from a level political platform.

He said HORN was going to deal with high levels of corruption bedeviling the nation as it is one of the issues which has affected the performance of our economy. I will see to that we establish the office of the Minister of Corruption and Correction who will see that all corruption cases are brought to justice.

"I have confidence that if I contest for the seat of the head of state, I am going to win. I call upon all Zimbabweans to go in our numbers and vote for 'HORN' because we want to tell a different story.

He further highlighted that the party is going to unpack more on its official launch and availing of the manifesto this year.



'HORN' President, Struck Ngwenya

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# PRESS STATEMENT

The management of **River Valley Properties (Pvt) Ltd**, has learnt with great concern cases of serious flooding in Woodlands Phase 2, which has affected residents and some houses being waterlogged.

Although all necessary measures which included clearing and creating a new drainage system were undertaken prior to the start of the rainy season, the area experienced unanticipated flooding.

**Preliminary investigations done by our engineers have observed unforeseen challenges that emanated and not limited to ongoing developmental projects and these are:**

- (1) Road construction exercise under which the contractor re-diverted the existing drainage system resulting in rainwater flowing into Maphosa Plot and subsequently Woodlands Phase 2.
- (2) Mkoba 21 Housing scheme where construction work of roads is underway and has also contributed to the diversion of water into Woodlands Phase 2.

*Other challenges are as a result of human error as some residents are dumping rubbish, rubble, among other items into the drainage system which is affecting the free flow of water.*

**River Valley Properties** has since engaged the City of Gweru, and the Contractors of the Lower Gweru Road with a view of addressing the problem.

Our engineers are currently in the area assessing the impact and identifying possible solutions to the challenges being faced in the area.

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## ZSED promotes rural youth involvement in poultry

### Vimbai Nyamukutu

Zimbabwe Socio-Economic Development (ZSED) party led by Nkosikona Ndlovu has emphasized youth participation in economic development programmes.

Speaking at a press conference recently, Ndlovu said they have donated 2 000 broiler chickens to Ngamo and Vungu Constituency in response to address the fragility needs of youth with a strategy to eradicate poverty and solve economic hardships.

"ZSED as a party has noted that there is obvious need to seek for ways of empowering the youth for sustainable development by venturing into

Agro-foods industry fostering suitable growth, eradicating poverty. This shows that this sector is a growing dynamic that will provide the youths with skill development," said Ndlovu.

The president of the party added that the project being carried out provides theoretical and practical training to a populace of more than 500 youths being trained ward by ward.

"The groups that we are training are managed by cooperatives with a bid to increase their numbers as they gain skill development so that the group that has been trained gives birth to another group and

they share whatever profit is made"

On the same note, Ndlovu added that as a party they are spearheading humanitarian work aimed at changing livelihoods in communities.

"Orphans and widows usually operate in the peripheries towards economic development and we came to a realization that most of them are denied access to education and initiated funding for over 300 orphans from different orphanage centers across the country. We are feeding about 350 children from grade 1 to 7 from Mtapa and Harben Park each day," said Ndlovu.

### CITY OF GWERU

#### REGIONAL TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT CHAPTER 29:12

#### NOTICE OF AN APPLICATION FOR CHANGE OF USE IN TERMS OF SECTION 26(3) OF THE ACT

Notice is hereby given of an application to carry out the following development on **Stand 1126 Gwelo Township of Stand 1199 Gwelo Township**, being **No.7 Bradely Street, Windsor Park, Gweru**.

It is proposed to establish a **Pre-School** on the above mentioned Property. Stand 1126 Gwelo Township is in the Residential Zone in terms of the Operative Gwelo Municipal Town Planning Scheme wherein the establishment of a **Pre-School** may be permitted through special consent of the Local Authority.

The application plans and any special conditions which the Local Planning Authority is likely to impose, in the event that this application being favourably considered may be inspected in the City Planning and Development Control Section during normal office hours.

Any person wishing to make objections or representations relating to the application must lodge them with the undersigned within one month of the date of the first insertion of this notice.

**The Acting Town Clerk**  
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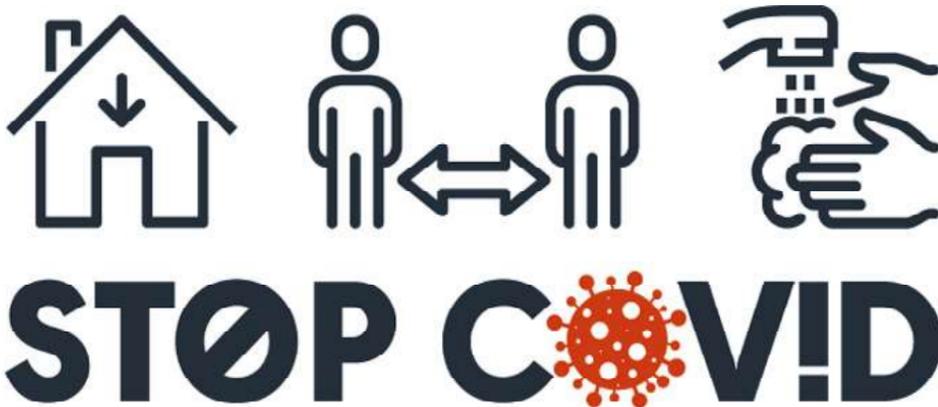
#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS AND ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

IN the estate of the late **Jerika Havenga of 2975 Mkoba 5, Gweru** who died at **Greenvale Farm** on the **29th of May 2005 DRGW 152/15**

ALL persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to lodge them in detail with the undersigned within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice, and those indebted thereto are required to pay to the undersigned the amounts due by them within the same period, failing which legal proceedings will be taken for the recovery thereof.

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# Midlands hard hit by armyworms



### Bongani Ncube

The fall armyworm has caused havoc for farmers in the Midlands Province as they are ravaging crops at the early stage of maturity.

Midlands Province Agronomists, Innocent Dzvuke has notified farmers to get rid of the fall armyworm before it causes serious damage to their crops

The armyworms usually attack fields, consuming crops that boost the food basket in the community. The

fall armyworms feed rapidly and are very destructive.

"It affects crops such as maize and should be controlled at the early stages of the crop to avoid the recurrence of the same outbreak and further damage the plants mature.

"Farmers must use chemicals such as Ampligo, Carbaryl 85, Coragen and Superdash to control and eradicate the continuous spread of the fall armyworm

"There is a need for farmers to look for pesticides and

spray their crops as the fall armyworm is different from other locusts as it has a high breeding rate.

He added that farmers should not overlook the effects caused by weeds on their crops.

"We urge farmers to take weeds seriously because they can lead to the destruction of crops if taken with negligence. Farmers should make sure that they weed their crops in order to produce good yields," he added.

**The fall armyworm is a large-scale invasive. It is called 'armyworm' because in its larval stage, individuals gather in huge masses ('armies'), which can destroys large tracks of crops. It is native to South and North America, but alien invasive in Africa.**



## Civic groups empower rural women, youth

### Citizen Journalist

Lower Gwelo-A youth-based movements, Youth Essence, Young Voice Disability Zimbabwe, and Msasa Arts & Culture Group last week engaged women and youths in Lower Gwelo on a detergent-making initiative.

The initiative was done as an effort to alleviate poverty and unemployment among women and youths.

Youth Essence Director, Nobuhle Mahlahla told this Citizen Journalist, how civil society organizations joined hands-on providing capacity building training focusing on the implementation of a National Development Strategy 1.

"As youth Essence, we are determined to reduce extreme poverty among young people and women as these are the groups which have been humbled by unemployment.

"High unemployment rate continues to haunt young people hence they end up indulging in illicit activities and drug abuse.

"We want these groups to be equipped with such skills so that they can do income-generating projects for themselves and end up being entrepreneurs who can drive the economy through sustaining initiatives like these ones. So today our organizations decided to venture into the inclusive project where everyone including people with disability, youths, women were being taught detergent making." Mahlahla added.

Musasa Arts & Culture group director, Keith Zenda said most rural groups were still lagging behind.

"I established an Art Center in Lower Gweru at Makepesi shops. I want to thank Youths Essence for partnering with Musasa Arts & Culture to empower rural women and youths in Lower Gweru at Makepesi business center as most of these groups are still lagging behind in terms of economic emancipation.

"The organizations did well in facilitating the dishwashing and vaseline-making processes. Such skills we believe will go a long way in empowering women and youth with entrepreneurship skills."

"As Musasa Arts & Culture we will continue working with Youths Essence in conducting more workshops like these. Currently, we have been doing art workshops only but now this partnering is empowering the artists to be entrepreneurs not just to depend on art only but to learn other skills as well for a living." Zenda

Makepesi Village head, Sibukhusiwe Mawuto said the detergent-making project was an eye-opener as most women were failing to sustain their households.

"The training was eye-opening, we learned a lot as women because our greatest illness has been the dependency syndrome of always relying on men for survival.

A participant, Fadzai Sarudzai said as a community there was a need to establish big cooperatives in order to drive the projects towards a revenue generation mechanism.



Musasa Arts & Culture group director, Keith Zenda

## Women urged to inspire change and assume leadership positions

### Bongani Ncube

ZANU PF Women's League has urged women to participate and inspire change in political, economic, and social spheres.

Speaking during a meeting held in Gweru Midlands province, ZANU PF Secretary for Women Affairs Senator Mabel Chinomona urged women to inspire change in the country and advocate for women's emancipation in politics and business.

"Women's effective participation in decision making is key to economic growth and we must grow as entrepreneurs to become big and assume bigger positions in the economic, political, and social spheres," said Cde Chinomona.

Cde Goodluck Kwaramba stressed the importance of women's participation in economic development and how they are expected to assume leadership positions as stipulated by the constitution that reserves 60 seats for women in the National Assembly.

"We have several women assuming leadership positions. The government has a constitutional provision that earmarks 60 women in the National Assembly and the provision that ran for 10 years is coming to an end in 2023, so we are pushing to have it



ZANU PF Secretary for Women Affairs Senator Mabel Chinomona

extended," said Cde Kwaramba in a different meeting.

Cde Chinomona advocates for government to emulate Rwanda which has surpassed 50-50 gender equality as Zimbabwe stands at 34 percent, women in leadership positions. She urged women to emancipate themselves from gender-based violence and child marriages.

"We have to fight for the elimination of violence on women and girls. Women have to speak against child marriages and violence of any form," said Cde Chinomona.

The first lady Amai Auxillia Mnangagwa through her

Nharirire YeMusha program urged women to emancipate themselves from politics and business. She also urged women to report gender-based violence and emancipate themselves on inheritance and how it is conducted.

"Women form the backbone of the country and the government depends on us. We must emancipate ourselves on issues pertaining to politics, economics, and social security. Many women lose their hard-earned resources to inheritance and many young girls end up opting for marriage. We have come for you," said the first lady.

## Jojo tank thief arrested

### Kudakwashe Shambamuto

Zimbabwe Republic Police (ZRP) in Gweru has arrested a 31-year-old man on allegations of a spate of thefts of Jojo water tanks in the city.

On 04 December 2021, Bonface Magocha, (58) of Woodlands made a report to the effect that his 5000-liter water tank had been stolen.

The police received a tip-off from members of the public and after following it up they managed to recover the tank

at a Mine along Matobo road in Gweru, leading to the arrest of a suspect Murehwa Muchineripiwho.

As investigations continued 8 more water tanks were recovered with a value of ZW\$173000-00.

The arrest was made on 07 December 2021.

Provincial Community Relations Liaison Office, Inspector Emmanuel Mahoko said, the arrest has brought faith that theft of tanks will stop

and these criminals committing these crimes are put to justice.

"Thefts of water tanks had caused sleepless nights for residents in Gweru and with the arrest, it is believed that it will bring scourge to an end", said Mahoko.

Police are appealing to members of the public who might have lost their Jojo water tanks through theft to approach CID Gweru for assistance.

## ZPNU avails empowerment plan for nurses

### Tinaani Nyabereka

Gweru- The Zimbabwe Professional Nurses Union (ZPNU) has pledged its support towards uplifting the welfare of nurses through life-sustaining projects.

The initiatives will enable the health personnel to generate income for their upkeep in the face of prevailing socio-economic hardships, it has been revealed.

Addressing stakeholders during the Zimbabwe Professional Nurses Union (ZPNU) National Annual General conference which was held under the theme, "Strengthening the disciplinary power of nursing through evidence-based practice" in Gweru last week, ZPNU President Robert Chiduku said it is important to invest in the future of nurses as they are the backbone of every health system.

"We want to change our own lives because no one can do it for us. Last time as a union we promised you that projects were coming and let me assure you that 2022 is the year and we start it on a higher note.

"If you look at other professions they have means of survival, Lawyers have law firms, doctors have surgeries, we also want the same and this is only achievable if stand for ourselves. For us to have successful business stories it begins here as charity begins at home.

"We have projects which are coming this year and we want these projects to change our livelihoods. ZPNU wants you to get money for your upkeep through these projects like chicken rearing.

"We always deliver what we promise and we want you to brace for these projects as we are leaving no nurse behind," he added.

Chiduku further highlighted that education is an important opportunity that strengthened networks across sectors.

ZPNU Organizing Secretary, Everisto Mapfidze urged nurses to utilize their talents and skills to generate income. "I would like to encourage everyone to utilize their talents like making things or products. Why can't we also embrace our talents besides leaning on our profession for survival?"

Meanwhile, a huge exodus of health professionals was recently recorded in the country as more than 2,200 reportedly left for jobs in US and UK.

According to the government's Health Service Board reports, the number doubled the number of doctors, nurses, and pharmacists who left last year, and three times the number that left in 2019.

However, officials said the exodus affected an already fragile health system, which suffered a lack of medical equipment and medicines.



ZPNU President Robert Chiduku

# Flooding in Woodlands irks residents



Woodlands Phase 2 affected residents receiving foodstuffs



Woodlands Phase 2 land developer, River Valley clearing blocked drainage systems



RiverValley Properties CEO Smelly Dube and Gweru City Council Engineer touring the site

**GWERU:** Woodlands Phase 2 residents are up in arms with road contractors of the Lower Gweru road who stand accused of creating new drainage systems which diverted water into the area resulting in serious flooding.

Heavy rains which were experienced in the area this week saw houses being flooded and motorists failing to drive on the roads, and other residents losing foodstuff in the process.

Although all necessary measures which included clearing and creating a new drainage system were undertaken prior to the start of the rainy season, the area experienced unanticipated flooding.

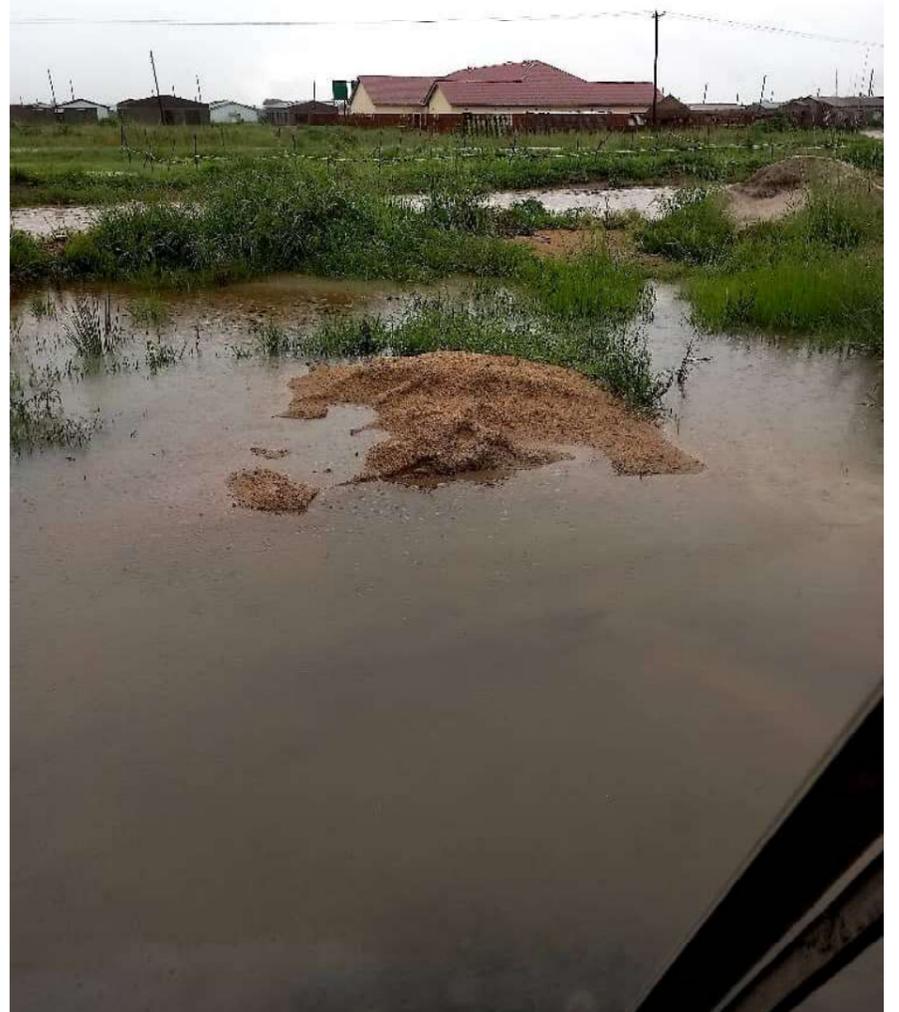
Residents allege that the lower Gweru road contractor Bitumen in course of their duties, re-diverted the existing drainage system resulting in all rainwater flowing into Maphosa Plot and Woodlands Phase 2.

"This year we were not expecting any serious flooding in the area as the land developer had created new drainage system but the road contractor opened up new drains which diverted water from its normal free flow route into Woodlands.

Bitumen World engineer Malven Chitsanga said for the problem to be resolved, a meeting is needed between Woodlands Phase2 land developer, Ministry of Transport, and the City of Gweru as his company needs more funds to address the issue.

"As you are aware via Mambo road used to flood during rainy seasons but this year no flooding was reported because of the new drainage system we created while refurbishing the lower Gweru road," said engineer Chitsanga.

For the past two days, the land developer River Valley was busy clearing blocked drainages and distributing foodstuff to the affected families in the area.





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# Chiwandire, Manyuchi fights pushed forward



Charles Manyuchi

The much anticipated boxing duel between Kudakwashe Chiwandire of Zimbabwe and Zambia's Catherine Phiri earlier scheduled for January

29 has been moved forward to the end of February.

The two will fight for the vacant World Boxing Council (WBC) super bantamweight

title in Lusaka on a bill being promoted by Oriental Quarries Boxing Promotions (OQBP).

Charles Manyuchi will also

fight on the undercard, defending his World Alliance Boxing Association (WABA) Supreme championship which he will unify with the World Boxing Union (WBU) world title. His opponent is Said Mbelwa of Tanzania.

OQBP Administrative Secretary Ben Saili on Friday said the promoter had seen the need to postpone the date to enable them to raise more funds towards the event.

A budget of K260 000 has been drawn for the successful hosting of the event tournament.

According to Saili, the new date set is February 26.

"OQBP was privileged to meet with the Minister of Youth, Sports and Arts, Honourable Elvis Nkandu.

"At the meeting we discussed, among other things, the upcoming fight. We were advised to reschedule the fight so that the corporate world can be engaged at a cocktail to be hosted by OQBP in liaison with the Ministry.

"At this event, resource mobilisation will be the main

topic," Saidi said, adding the Minister was appreciative of the economic downturns due to the Covid pandemic.

"We would, however, like to engage the corporate world with a view to finding a workable solution."

The administrative secretary disclosed their platinum sponsors, Tradekings, had since committed to partnering with OQBP and had already begun preliminary preparations towards hosting of the event.

For one who has previously won the WPBF inter-continental title, this will be Chiwandire's biggest career fight.

The postponement comes as a blessing in disguise as it affords her the much needed time for preparations since she faces a fighter who has trodden the WBC world title path before. *Nhau/Indaba*