

CFU Calling

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EXECUTIVE NEWS

The New Year has now begun and we wish everyone a much better year this year and pray that all of you and your family's wishes become a reality. How wonderful it would be if we could just break the logjam this year.

Although it is always difficult getting started again after a relaxing break which we all had over the Christmas and New Year period your team up here has been hard at work again, with the normal vigour and determination to get agriculture back on track as well as looking after the welfare of those who are currently unable to farm normally.

Our doors are always open and it is always refreshing to meet our farmers who come to the office, especially with their stories about the rainfall this season as well as individual farming situations. As can also be seen from our national roads during our travels over the holiday period with our families, the situation is quite varied depending on what rainfall was received. Let's face it, whether we are farming or not we are still affected by the weather and always remain interested. The rain has generally continued to be very patchy over most parts of the country, although we hear that the Midlands have received almost a 'normal' year with the rains being more widespread.

Although the water level at Kariba is rising with warnings being issued of the pending opening of the flood gates, many, or most other major dams have so far received little run off. Anyway it is still early in the season so far and if the predictions are correct then the rains should be sufficient to eventually fill the irrigation and town/city water supply dams.

Throughout the world fuel prices were increased over the holiday period, mainly due to the crude oil price moving upwards. Here in Zimbabwe we had an additional 4 cents per litre added as a new tax which came into effect on New Year's Day.

Although this increase may not seem much to the general motorists there is an increased use of fuel to power generators to keep businesses in farming, commerce and industry operating due to the inefficiencies and discrepancies in our national power network. All this puts more pressure on the economics of running businesses which are already battling to keep their heads above water over the last few years. This is why we feel that stability, not only in our industry, but in all sectors is essential if this country is to move forward on a sustainable basis. At the moment most industries and businesses are no longer looking forward to profits but merely hoping to at least break even. This is unsustainable.

Communication with our farmers is recognised as one of our essential and most important functions and we continue in our endeavours to achieve this. Our members and friends should therefore make every effort to read and distribute this weekly bulletin.

We are constantly uploading information onto our website www.cfuzim.org which, looking at the number of hits recorded, is growing in popularity all the time. Any suggestions are always welcome.

Our monthly AgriZim magazine is being distributed to the farming community every month, but we must apologise for the December issue which has unfortunately, once again, been delayed by problems at the printers. At this rate, once the gremlins have been resolved, the December and January magazines may come out at the same time. We will get them out to you as soon as possible. Both issues are already on our website.

The dates and days of the week of our monthly **Open Farmers' Meeting** to be held at Agriculture House have been changed when we developed our schedules for meetings to be held in the coming year. The new schedule is on the website and it should be noted that the meetings are scheduled to be held on **Wednesdays at 2.30 pm**, instead of Tuesdays. They are also not necessarily on the 2nd week of the

month as they were previously held. **Also note that the January meeting has been cancelled.** Our apologies for any inconvenience caused.

The dates for the next few months are as follows;

9 February 2011

9 March 2011

6 April 2011

11 May 2011

8 June 2011

6 July 2011

Our first Council meeting of 2011 will be held on Thursday 20 January 2011 so should you have any input or queries which you wish to bring up please contact your elected councillor.

Thankfully we received very few reports of farm disruptions over the holiday period which is completely opposite what was experienced last year when all hell let loose in Rusape/Nyazura. Although some reports of troubles over the last month are still trickling in we can say it was one of the quietest Christmas periods our communities have experienced for a number of years.

This brings us to the point that we continue to document all the incidents occurring on the farms and our records make the atrocities against our farmers one of the best recorded of any unlawful activity worldwide. We therefore continue to encourage you to send in information of what is happening out there and to you personally in the courts etc.

At the moment we are updating all our previous records, from 2000 onwards, to bring them into the current format but have unfortunately found that we are lacking quite a bit of information which was lost with the constant advances in technology and our computers as well as staff changes and relocation of offices etc. Although we have made significant progress we would still appreciate any personal accounts, photographs, videos, CDs or other recordings etc which would be entered into a confidential database for future use. Once given to us for our safe keeping nothing will be released without your personal consent. Furthermore, the information is all saved at several safe domains, which are now possible with the new advanced technology.

Old Farmers' Association reports and records on disruptions and evictions etc., particularly in soft form, would be greatly appreciated and would add to both the speed and accuracy of the exercise. If you have any information stored on the old floppy disc systems you should be aware that these have a 'sell-by-date', meaning that you will be unable to read the material after a certain period. The information should therefore be transferred onto updated equipment as soon as possible. Information may be sent to Mike Clark mashc@cfuzim.org or delivered to him at the Union. Please help us to help you.

Following on from the Dutch case heard at the International Centre for Settlement of International Disputes (ICSID) interest has been shown for further cases involving other BIPPA investors to be heard. We will keep you updated on this but in the mean time, should you fall into this category we can put you in touch with the group who are currently gathering information for the proposed case.



The Discounters Club of Zimbabwe has been established and had its official opening on the 30 November 2010. Its focus is to boost Zimbabwe's businesses through free advertising for the companies that have joined and will be joining in the future by providing a discount mechanism to the general public of Zimbabwe.

All companies that join will pass on a discount to any customer using a valid Discounters Club Card. The Discounters Club Card will have the name of the member, ID number and a card number for verification purposes. Signage indicating participation will be given to each member of the Discounters Club who offers discounts to card holders.

The Discounters Club has a wide range of companies (with more coming into the fold) offering discounted prices on their products and services to the discount card members. There are a wide range of companies ranging from: Retail; Spares & Hardware; Manufacturing; Gyms; Restaurants; Hair & Beauty Salons; Catering; Groceries; and many others.

The advantages to the companies that come onboard are: Guaranteed and regular free advertising through the AgriZim Magazine, in the yellow pages which goes out to 600 members at present and expanding, advertising through the Classifieds network, with an email address list of over 4000 and growing and a broader customer base as word of the discounters club circulates. We are setting up a new Zim Discount Club Website which will reach many more people. Regular newsletters will keep the participating companies briefed as to the clubs growth. Companies can advertise this through their own websites if they so wish.

To the public who wish to become members, you will need to register through the office of Agriculture house. Once you have registered, it will take 4 – 5 days to process the Discounters Club Card. The cost to the member is \$60.00 for 6mths or \$100 for the year. The potential saving to you is huge through the various discounts on offer, yet the potential to the companies are greater through a bigger, broader customer base.

If you are a BUSINESS or a CUSTOMER and are interested, join the club today. Don't miss this opportunity as we would love to welcome you on board. We look forward to your support.

Sign up today or contact:

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Rich 0772 311 704
Email discountersclub@cfuzim.org / dir@cfuzim.org

You can take the family out for a meal and get discounts at the listed restaurants, or why wait to make your new year's resolution to get fit, join one of the gyms and start now. Treat your wife to a pro Christmas Spa. Power problems? Check out Lucky Brands and purchase a generator to brighten your day + many more great offers through these listed companies.

As of 17 December 2010

Adrienne's Restaurant
Email:nicmandeya@gmail.com
DISCOUNT 20%

Amalgamated Motor Corporation (AMC)
E-mail:cshoniwa@amc.co.zw Tel: 750431 Cell: 0772 775 400
DISCOUNT 5%

Antichcraft (Pvt) Limited
E-mail:antichoutdoor@zol.co.zw
DISCOUNT 2%

Artisan (Private) Limited
E-mail:laura@artisan.co.zw Tel: 480807 Cell:0772 755 786
DISCOUNT 5 - 10%

Barco Chemicals (Pvt) Ltd
E-mail:salesbcl@barco.co.zw Te:661438

Benco Agencies
E-mail:jeff@bencopaints.co.zw

Body Active
E-mail:bodyactive@zol.co.zw
Tel:852573 Cell:0772 230 709
DISCOUNT20%

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E-mail:martymcc@mweb.co.zw
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Borehole Surveys
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