

Going once, going twice

Rotary auction coming up next month

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Whether you're looking to take a trip or send a kid away to camp, next month, the Neepawa Rotary Club will be auctioning some unique and needed items, all for a good cause. On Nov. 7, the club will host their annual TV auction. "It's our main fundraiser," said Rotarian and auction chair, Murray Newton.

Now in its 19th year, Newton said the TV auction regu-

larly raises about \$20,000 for the club. "It's been a success for us," he said of the event, which funds local and international projects. These include ongoing Rotary initiatives, such as scholarships given to NACI graduates and youth programs, as well as funding international projects through Rotary International. Additionally, each year, the auction picks one or two major local

projects to support. This year, Newton explained that the money will help purchase equipment for the new Seeds 'N Sprouts daycare, as well as the new Neepawa Middle School.

While there won't be major changes to the successful format, Newton said there will be a couple of minor ones, notably, the lo-

159 items available for sale this year, an increase over last year. She added that many familiar favourites are returning this year, including a travel voucher valued at \$1,600, \$1,110 in fuel, \$750 in products from Stella Jones and two halves of beef. There are also a few new items, such as a credit for \$320 to be used toward one week of camp at Camp Wannakumbac. Local talent will also be

available for purchase, including art from local artists

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cation. This year's auction will be held at Arts Forward and Newton explained that it will give them more space for displaying and storing the auction items, as well as for people to come and view the auction live. While people can attend in person, it will be broadcast live on NACTV, with bidding both by phone and text.

Nikki Tibbett, the auction's canvas chair, explained that they have

and baking. "It's amazing how much support there is," said Tibbett of the fundraiser, adding, "The donors are more than willing, [which means] we can put money back into the community."

The auction will begin at 6 pm and the complete sale bill, as well as phone numbers to call in order to bid, are in this week's edition of the Banner & Press.