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Mountain City Auction owner Greg Lawson puts the finishing touches on the items for sale at Saturday's annual
*Advertisement and Toy Auction. "At last year's advertisement sale we had visitors from more than 14 states in addition
to online bidders from across the country," Lawson told The Focus.*

Hyatt Place ceremonies cap a year of redevelopment

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The recent ceremonies opening Hyatt Place Knoxville Downtown ended a year of renovation and construction projects that the City of Knoxville is very proud of. The Hyatt Place is a total renovation of the hundred-year-old Farragut Hotel by a very engaged Dover Development. It is also just one of the many, many improvements taking place in Knoxville.

The first Hyatt branded hotel in the city will



MLK Celebration begins Friday

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"Transforming the Community by Committing to Service" is this year's theme of Knoxville's annual celebration of the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The celebration started in 1982 and features various events including the annual