

ing for that special item or wanting to add to their collection.

You will find everything from a 1950s Coca-Cola School Guard Sign to John Deere items and pinball machines. There are small

kids' riding toys. There's even an original Soap Box Derby car, original oil bottles with spouts, and a double-sided parking meter.

Other items include neon signs, thermometers,

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Photo by Bob Tate.

Fountain 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 Fannagut Hotel by a very engaged Owner Development. It is also just one of the many, many improvements taking place in Knoxville.

The first Hyatt-branded hotel in the city will feature the brand's intuitive design, casual atmosphere and practical amenities like free Wi-Fi and 24-hour food offerings. The 165-room hotel will offer a gallery kitchen breakfast, on-site Starbucks, a coffee to Cook-



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 popular public march.

Eight days of celebrations starts Friday with a kick-off at the Gallery of Arts at 5 p.m. A juried exhibition is being held