

dealers. We collect items for it all year. You can't go out and get this every day. Some of this stuff is hard to find," says Greg Lawson, owner of Fountain City Auction.

Fortunately for customers, an extensive collection of popular items will be available such as antique gas and oil items, retro vending machines, vintage toys and cap guns, toys, and a selection of old-fashioned Coca-Cola

cars and tractors, and hundreds of signs in neon, metal, and porcelain varieties.

Lawson says the biggest change in the past 14 years of running the auction is the online element which made this event the sixth most viewed online auction in the nation last year, and the number one most viewed in the state of Tennessee on the AuctionZip website.

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Greg Lawson of Fountain City Auction is ready for the first big sale of the year. The 14th annual Advertisement Auction is this Saturday at noon.

ing classic rock favorites on the Market Square stage. The countdown to midnight begins at 11:55 p.m., followed by the cash drop, fireworks and a goading along of "Hard Long Line."

Frank Murphy from Chattanooga (93.1 FM and radio format 107.1) Channel 6's program "Living East Tennessee" will serve the event. Party favors, including beer, "2012" hats and inflatable "burchendish" nose rubbers, will be available while supplies last. No tickets that or also no sales will take place on the square on New Year's Eve. However, downtown restaurants, including those participating in the Popcorn Trail, will be open and offering specials. It's always a good idea to call ahead for hours

‘Violins of Hope’ coming to Knoxville

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"They once asked a Jewish musician why are

