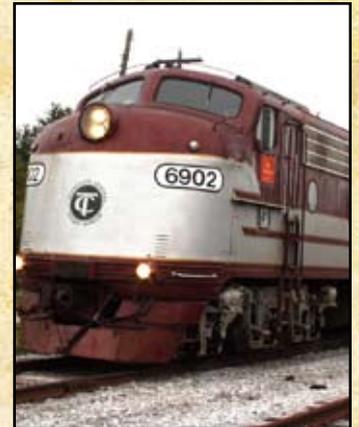


Spotlight on Monterey

Conveniently located off of I-40 Exit 300 & 301, **Monterey, TN** is “the place where all trails lead to, go through or begin” with the new “Rails With Trails” hiking/biking trail that will have 19 miles of trails when completed. The first portion begins in Monterey and will parallel the railroad and Old Walton Road. The Tennessee Central Railway Heritage Trail will travel a course between the Monterey Depot Museum and the Cookeville Depot. Twice a year, the Tennessee Central Railway Museum brings an excursion train to Monterey from Nashville. The first is during “Spring on the Mountain” the first Saturday in May. The second is on Standing Stone Day (always the second Saturday in October) - a celebration that revolves around a huge rock monolith of great significance to the local indigenous people. Heritage is a point of pride for Monterey. Along with the “Rails with Trails” trail and local event, they have also actively developed the Monterey Quilt Trail with blocks in the downtown and surrounding area. Monterey (founded in 1893) has long been referred to as “King of the Mountain”. The coal and lumber industry of the day brought train travel and lots of people to the area creating a bustling hub in the “Standing Stone Community” – later named Monterey. Before the days of the automobile, Monterey’s cooler temperatures (on the mountain) and peacefulness made it a resort town. Today, Monterey boasts a flurry of activity both in the vibrant downtown area and the many events and trails. The Monterey merchants and dedicated citizens are keeping the downtown main street area full of life. Two such people, Kay and Bill Wiggins have lovingly restored the old Bower buildings (circa 1924). **BenAnna’s** is named after their grandchildren, Ben and Anna. They serve lunch Wednesdays and Saturdays and the best hand dipped ice cream shakes east of the Mississippi. Kay’s dream was to open a comfortable gathering place with light lunches, delicious sandwiches, chili, homemade soups, baked goods and hand dipped *Mayfield* ice cream. The store has a wide variety of gifts, including collectibles, antique furniture, *Gund* baby items, jewelry and a consignment corner with kids clothing, original paintings, and more. Next door, Bill has turned his love of trains into his golden years’ recreation — displaying his personal train collection that bring kids (big and small) into the store to admire his work. **Asher’s Spare Time Hobby and Bicycle Shop** (also named for a grandson) is Bill’s “other” hobby. He stocks “S gauge” model trains

and is an authorized *Schwinn* bicycle dealer. The store stocks, services and has many accessories for the bike enthusiast offering quality and service not often found in our modern times. The back entrance of the store leads directly to the trailhead of the new “Rails to Trails” trail. It also serves as the heart of the bike race in October - a 72 mile circuit scenic course for the diehard bike racer. Come to BenAnna’s and Asher’s. Grab a bite to eat and browse this treasure. They are located at 109 & 111 W. Commercial Ave. Tel: 931-839-7111.

To learn more about Monterey, events, the historical society or the Monterey Depot, visit www.standingstonetn.com or www.montereytn.com. Additional details regarding the quilt trail can be accessed thru www.mountainquilttrail.com. You may also call Dale Welch of the *Hilltop Express* at 931-303-5156 or Bill at BenAnna’s at 931-839-7111. **Save 14 miles to the Big South Fork if you’re traveling east off of I-40 by going through Monterey and taking Hwy. 62.** Happy Trails!



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Downtown Cruise-In...4th Saturday of Each Month April-October

Monterey Civitan Labor Day Celebration...Sept. 3-5, 2011

Standing Stone Day...Oct. 8, 2011

Christmas Parade...Dec. 3, 2011

Spring on the Mountain Dogwood Festival - All Day Event...May 5, 2012

Memorial Day Weekend Flea Market...May 26-28, 2012

Fourth of July Celebration at Whittaker Park...June 30-July 2, 2012