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CEMETERY MAINTENANCE DAY: SATURDAY MAY 21, 2005

We anticipate an especially fun day cleaning up the cemetery because a lot of the work should be done by then! A reconnaissance trip in March revealed the graves to look surprisingly well, still neat with plenty of plastic flowers and a nice show of wildflowers blooming. The wildflowers will be dead by clean-up day and need weeding out but there weren't that many. A landscaper from Douglas has been hired to clean up the larger area outside of the fence. The only real problem was the road in. Cochise County had over 40" of rain this winter and the road was almost impassable even in a 4-wheel drive vehicle. The road will be graded for us in the next week or so.

The crew already committed to bringing gardening tools and strong arms are: Lonnie Wells, Henry Wells, Pete Wells, Lee Tolzin, Rex Cason, Sheila Cottrell, Mike Sutherland, Dottie Sutherland and Paul Eckel. We start at 9 AM and hope to have the work done before heatstroke hits. Please join us if only for moral support—Paul promises doughnuts and drinks.

HURRY: GUARANTEE YOUR RESERVATION

We've reserved a block of 20 rooms at the BEST VALUE INN. 520-432-2293. Be sure to ask for the manager Smita and say you're with the Wells Family. [They only have a total of 35 rooms]. All rooms have kitchenettes, with refrigerator and microwave. The King suites have living rooms with a queen size pullout couch too. The July 4th weekend in Bisbee is very busy so the best rates we could negotiate are:

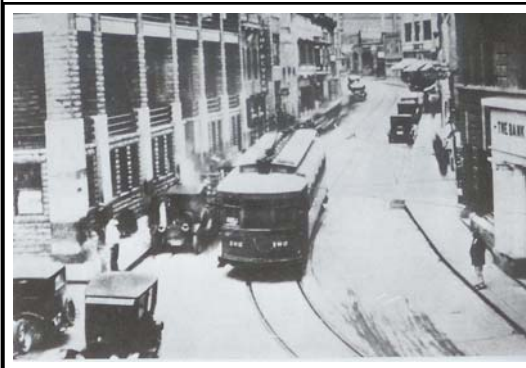
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| 1 Queen bed | \$79 |
| 2 Queen beds | \$95 |
| 1 King suite | \$125 |

All are plus taxes per night. Though July 4th falls on a Monday, we've only reserved for Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights. We anticipated that since everyone is out of town and many out of state that you would be traveling home on Monday. However, if you want to stay Monday night you should not have any trouble extending your stay. Other lodging choices are on page 2.

NOTE: This motel also has RV hook-ups.

Wells Family Reunion July 2-4, 2005

This reunion promises to offer the best: renewing family ties in a fascinating Old West Mining town over a holiday crammed with fun activities! There's so many attractions to explore in this charmingly restored town, that there's no way to work it all in. Many attractions unique only to Bisbee range from a tour of the mine to special products made only in Bisbee such as Bisbee Killer Bee Honey [highly praised on the Food Network]. They have "9 flavors of honey butter, including Awesome Almond and Prickly Pear, as well as 9 flavors of whole-seed honey in flavors that include chipotle, smoked jalapeno, garlic and horseradish."



A sight you have to see for yourself is the Lavendar Pit just below Old Bisbee. It's difficult to describe the scope and depth of the pit which was once a mountain peak. Bisbee's Queen Mine was one of the richest copper mines in history. On the Queen Mine Tour you can experience what it was like working underground where temperatures are 47 degrees year-round. You're

outfitted with a slicker, helmet and miner's headlamp and board the train that descends into the mine. Tours are conducted by miners who worked in the mine and tell their own stories from personal experiences.

We've arranged for a great venue for the banquet and dance in Bisbee's Convention Center. The building has been wonderfully renovated and perfect for our uses. The Old-Timers will remember this building as the old Phelps Dodge Mercantile. Activities have been planned for all age groups, and prizes awarded at the dance. Note: most cell phones do not work in the canyon where Bisbee is located. Sprint seems to get the only reception. If you have the modern equivalent of walkie-talkies, Bisbee is the perfect place to use them. Also, we're trying to arrange for babysitters at the dinner dance, in the same rooms, so parents are freer to visit and enjoy themselves.

TROUBLE BUDGETING FOR THE REUNION? NOT TO WORRY!

The Wells Family Association is going to pay for the major expenses of the reunion: meeting and banquet rooms, registration luncheon, dinner banquet, dance band, and the picnic at the Slaughter Ranch. And we're talking good food! Gadsden Hotel owners are catering the picnic and Bisbee Breakfast Club is catering the banquet. Until this spring they ran Dot's Diner here, which literally had been nationally acclaimed for their delicious food. So get busy—make your plans to attend now!