

CIMARRON SOUNDS RW HAMPTON

Fall 2006 E-News

Where did the summer go? The last time I checked we were crying for rain, buying hay to take us through the summer and hoping the fires didn't burn us up before it was over. The next thing we knew it started raining here – thanks to your prayers I'm sure – and it didn't stop all summer. That's no exaggeration. It was a field day for our plants, livestock and our eyes (pun intended)! With more than 26 inches of rain in 2 months time (almost double our yearly average) our pastures turned a shade of green we've hardly ever seen here in Northeast New Mexico. The horses and cattle are fat and the wildflowers are outstanding!

So, enough about the weather you say? What have we been up to? Well I can't wait to tell you!

Lucky Number 6



Yes, six seems to be R.W.'s lucky number this year. Very appropriate since it is 2006 don't you think? For starters in July we welcomed our sixth child into our family. Yes, **Ethan Wayne Hampton** was



born in Amarillo, Texas on July 18th and he weighed in at 6 lbs, 14 ounces and 18 ¾ inches long. What kind of a mother would I be if I didn't attach pictures? At two months old he has doubled his birth weight and if I can ever set him down I might start to get some things done around here!



So for those of you counting, we now have one married off, one in the Marines, one in college, one in High School, one in kindergarten, one in diapers, and we've officially been committed to the nut house for doing this intentionally! Our "stork" is a little slow, but we think he delivers some pretty nice packages.

Seeing that R.W. had promised each of our other children one of his previous Will Rogers Awards, R.W. attended the **Academy of Western Artists Awards Show** last week in Richardson, Texas with the idea that he needed to bring home another one for his new son, Ethan. We hope the folks there didn't just bow to



pressure, as we were pleasantly surprised when they once again awarded R.W. the title of **Western Music Male Vocalist of the Year** for 2006. That would make this his sixth Will Rogers Award, the fourth in that category. (For more information please see the press release attached). Ethan and dad send their thanks to all the members and the Academy of Western Artists for honoring him with such a great award. For other news about the Academy of Western Artists, the other winners or the awards show please go to <http://www.awa-awards.org/WillRogersAwards/index.html>

Up Coming Events You Don't Want to Miss

October 4 to 8 – Branson, MO – Silver Dollar City Theater & Theme Park

Branson has always been known as the capital of family musical entertainment and this year is no different as once again the folks at Silver Dollar City are bringing you some of the best in Western Music during the month of October. Please see there website for a complete list of everyone who will be there, and be sure to join R.W. this week if you are in the area. Visit www.silverdollarcity.com or call 1-800-475-9370.

October 12 to 14 – Ruidoso, NM – Lincoln County Cowboy Symposium

One of the largest gatherings of its kind in the world, this is an event that you don't want to miss. Situated in the mountains of southern New Mexico, Ruidoso has wonderful weather and is incredibly scenic this time of year. Held annually at the Ruidoso Downs Racetrack, home of the richest Quarter Horse Race in America, this event draws thousands of spectators to listen to great Western cowboy and swing music, visit the trade booths, see Craig Cameron's horse demonstrations, visit the many chuck wagons, and all the other entertainment and activities that occur "dawn to dusk" and way later! For more information visit their website at <http://www.hubbardmuseum.org/>.

October 21 – Pendleton, OR – Hamley & Co. Saddle Shop & Slickfork Saloon

R.W. will be returning for one night to the Slickfork Saloon above the historical Hamley & Co. Saddle Shop. Last year's concert sold out early so be sure to not miss this one. **Tickets are available by calling 541-278-1100, and be sure to check out their site at www.hamley.com.**

October 27 to 29 – Fort Worth, TX – Red Steagall's Cowboy Poetry Gathering

He's going back. After a couple of years away, R.W. will be returning to Red's wonderful Fort Worth event and he's bringing the kids! I hope you will join us for one of our all-time favorite events. **For tickets and information call them at 1-888-COWTOWN or log onto www.redsteagallcowboygathering.com.**

November 7 to 12-- Heber City, UT – Heber City Cowboy Poetry Festival

The Twelfth annual Gathering and Buckaroo Fair welcomes R.W. along with a host of other top name Western Entertainers. If you are looking for an event that has just about everyone from Ian Tyson, Waddie Mitchell, Brenn Hill, Michael Martin Murphy and Red Steagall to the BYU Symphony and the Bar J Wranglers, this is the one to attend. Ticket sales are already strong with some shows sold out or close to it, so be sure to call soon if you plan on attending. **Tickets and schedule information are available at www.hebercitycowboypoetry.com or call 435-654-2352 for a brochure.**

November 16 to 19 – Albuquerque, NM – Western Music Awards Show & Festival

The **Western Music Association** returns to New Mexico for a second year and we plan on being there for all the fun, festivities and camaraderie. The awards show is on Friday, with R.W. a finalist in four categories, and he will also appear on the Best of the Best concert Saturday night. **Be sure to check out www.westernmusic.org for information about the event as well as the Association.**

Additional Dates:

December 1 to 3 – Wickenburg, AZ – Cowboy Christmas Poetry Gathering 928-684-5479
www.wickenburgchamber.com/events



December 5 to 9 – Kenansville, FL – Trails End Cow Culture Celebration & Cattle Drive 407-944-7032
www.floridacattledrive.com

December 10th – Avon Park, FL – Union Congregational Church Concert 863-453-3345 www.apunionchurch.org

December 17th – Victorville, CA – Happy Trails Children's Foundation Christmas Concert 760-240-3330
www.happytrails.org/events/curlyschristmas.html



Events are added periodically to R.W.'s website as they are confirmed; you can view the most current information by going to www.rwhampton.com/index.htm and clicking the "Schedule" link.

Clearview Ranch Horses For Sale



Currently we have four broke riding horses for sale that are between three and eight years old, both mares and geldings. They are going well, gentle, and suitable for family ranch activities. We raise well-bred ranch type using horses that have proven bloodlines and are known for their athleticism, conformation and even-tempered personalities. If you are looking for a ranch horse, trail horse, team penning, or youth prospect, give us a call.

Our regular office hours are Tuesday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (MST). You can reach us at **1-505-483-0042**, or at csll@zianet.com with any questions, merchandise orders, or requests.

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