

Colville Update

Arctic Ploverland News

December 2013

Greetings from the Jim Helmericks Family

Let's try something different this year.

How about reminiscing with monthly pictures:

January



Bonnie Wartes (Aaka) conducts a service dedicating Danian to the Lord. (At Bennetts - Eagle River)

Lots of great family time!



Rhianna, Marti, Merrily, Aaka at Isaac & Crystal's house. Palmer



Isaac's Hot Tub
Palmer



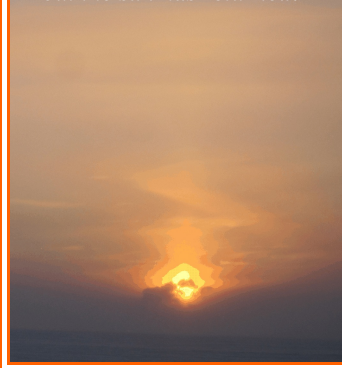
Natasha made a cute cat birthday cake. Fairbanks

February



Jim frosted up after working outside. Chores must go on no matter how cold or windy it is outside.

*February is COLD,
but the sun has returned!*



House after a big storm. Kitchen window nearly buried. See arrow.



Sastrugi is carved out of the hard snowdrifts from wind. Try driving a skidoo over that terrain!

March



Inside house
Teena's
flowers are
blooming

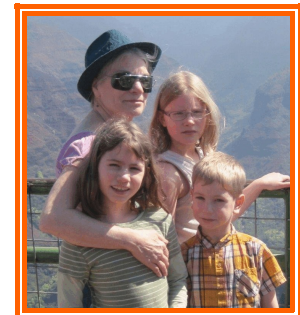
Ice road north of
homestead made by
oil companies during
exploration season.



Hawaii Wedding - signing
certificate



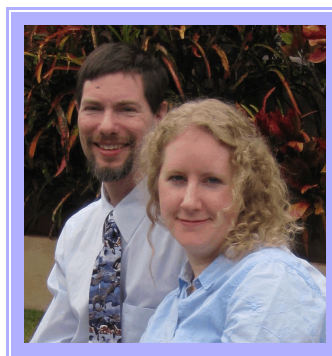
Derek and Cindy



Teena, Natasha, Melody
& Elisha at Waimea
Canyon Lookout during
family trip to Hawaii
for Derek & Cindy's
wedding.



Derek, Cindy, Teena, Aaron, Jay at Kauai Wedding



Jay & Amy



Danian & Rhianna on Easter



Hawaii flowers



Wedding Cake

April



Snow continues to build up around the buildings as wind blows it into big drifts. View out kitchen window.



Teena & Isaac explore and hunt across the Colville Delta region. Beautiful sunny days.

Teena brings Isaac to the homestead for a short visit, at the end of one of his hitches as Airport Manager in Kuparuk, before he returns home to Palmer.



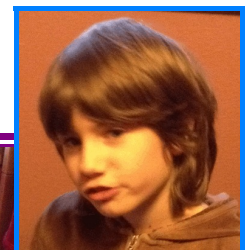
May



Sunset over Repsol's exploratory well, 5 miles NW of homestead.



Elisha



Melody



Jay and Amy's trio.



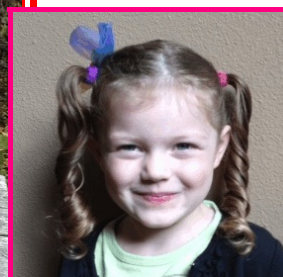
Natasha



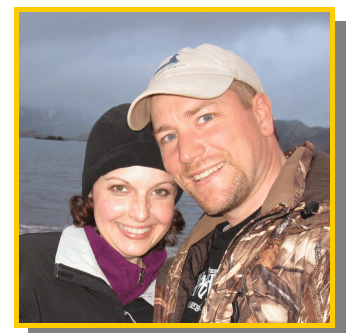
Danian



Isaac and Crystal's duet.



Rhianna



Crystal & Isaac



Second worst June Break-up flood in history of our homestead, as practically the entire island went under water - only thick ice on lake and top of extensive snowdrifts around buildings above water.



Teena standing by stranded ice on edges of the Miluveach River, a tributary to the Colville river. Ice was left high and dry after the flood waters of the Colville River receded.

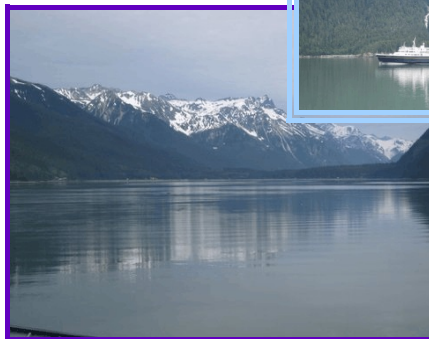


A Bell 212 helicopter was used during Colville Break-up Study.

June



Teena Flying into Skagway



Ferry rides on Inside Passage.



Teena aboard "Matanuska" enroute from Skagway to Juneau. 6-21-2013



Juneau



Mendenhall Glacier



June, cont.



Beautiful Sitka with Mt. Edgecumbe in background.



Sitka Totem Pole



Merrily & Teena riding bikes in Sitka



Grammy & Rhianna in Palmer

July



Valerian, my favorite tundra flower.



Summer Storm on lake



Visitors by helicopter

August



Jim on our lake in canoe.

Summer Yard.
Compare to photo in Feb. & March.



September



Autumn & Aaron enjoy fall.

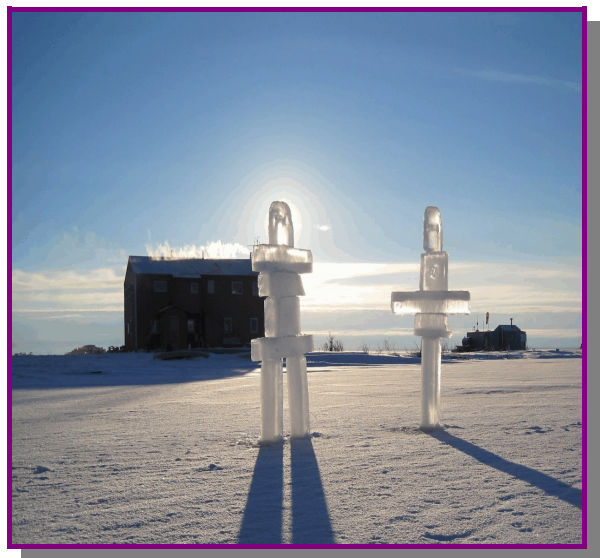


First Skidoo day of fall.

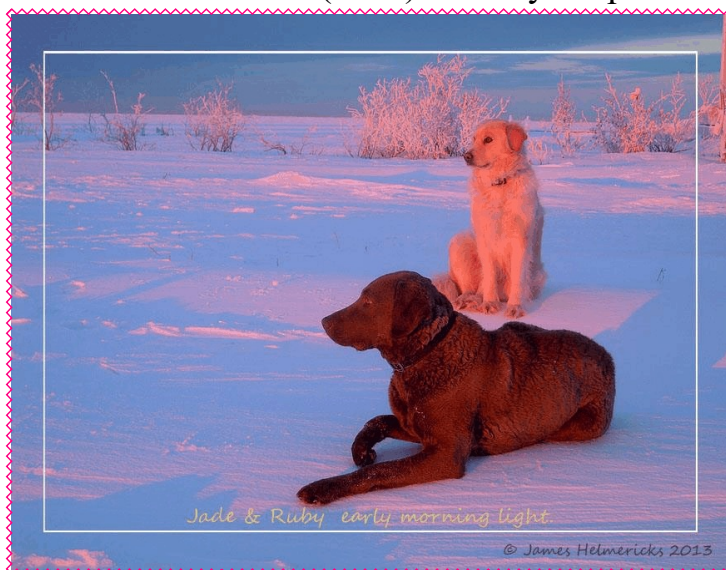


Sunrise 9-11-13

October



Jim has fun making his Ice Inuksuks.



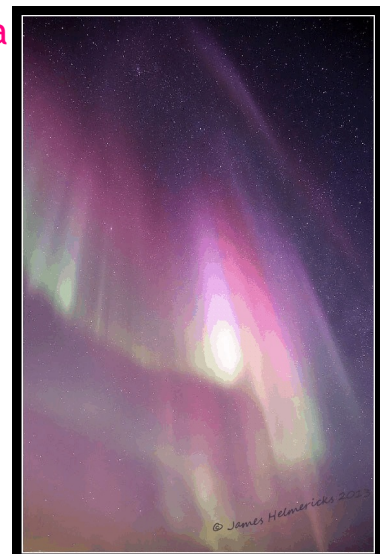
Jade (front) & Ruby keep watch.

Aurora

November



Miss Ox arrives.
(3-year old girl)





Oxy
by
kitchen
window

December



Tree and lights in kitchen.



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Love,

*Jim and Teena
Derek and Cindy
Jay and Amy
Natasha, Melody, Elisha
Isaac and Crystal
Rhianna, Danian
Aaron and Autumn*

Jim's Photography:

See: <http://goldenplover.zenfolio.com/>

God Bless You All