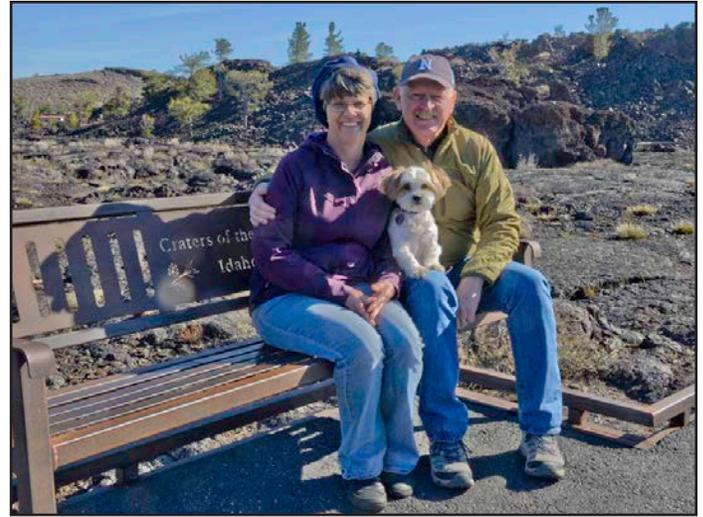


Dear Friends and Family,

Christmas 2025

A very Merry Christmas to you! We hope this letter finds you doing well and enjoying the Holidays. Our year was fun and eventful and full of many blessings.

The year began with a road trip to Montana and Idaho in our new Toyota 4Runner. Our first stop was to one of our favorite places in Idaho, Craters of the Moon National Monument. After that we headed to Montana to spend a few days with Bob's Mom and two of his brothers and



Bob and Lisa at Craters of the Moon National Monument



Our Extended Family in Montana

their families. After leaving Montana we drove back through Idaho to see Lisa's family and her niece's new baby in Boise.

Our first camping trip of the year was to our favorite local campground at Fallen Leaf Lake. The campground is only an hour from our house and was a great test drive of our new 4Runner pulling our camper and carrying all our

gear. It worked great. As in previous years, we took bikes and kayaks along as there are bike trails everywhere and Fallen Leaf Lake is just the best to kayak on. We pedaled, paddled and enjoyed Bob's famous blueberry pancakes. A big bear even sauntered through our camp and right up to the camper. It is no wonder camping at Fallen Leaf is one of our favorite summer highlights!

On July 11-13 we took a beautiful drive to Sisters Oregon to enjoy the 50th Annual Sisters Outdoor Quilt Show. Not only is Sisters a beautiful place to visit, the Quilt show was amazing with over 1,200 quilts and 10,000 people. So, even though it was a bit crowded, the crowd was largely



Kayaking on Fallen Leaf Lake with Mount Tallac Behind

quilters or people that just really love arts and crafts and were great to be around. In addition, we stayed in a very nice AirBnB in Bend, Oregon and had a great and relaxing, husband and wife time.

On the home front, Lisa is still working at Legacy Christian Academy, assisting the Head of School as office manager and enjoying getting her "kid fix" from interacting with the students every day. She is also teaching some specialty classes ranging from art to sewing to dehydrating. In her spare time, she enjoys quilting, biking, hiking, cooking and enjoying the beautiful outdoor world that surrounds us here



Lisa Enjoying the Sisters Oregon Quilt Show



Bob and Chester Snowshoeing on the Spooner Lake Trail

in Northern Nevada. This year she even had some of her quilted creations on display and for sale in a local gallery!

Lisa pushed the boundaries of her past experiences this year by participating in a triathlon sprint in August with her good friend Margie Boyett at Lake Tahoe. This event took place at the Ed Z'berg Sugar Pine Point State Park on the west shore of Lake Tahoe. This is one of our favorite places to go camping and it was helpful that we were familiar with the area. A triathlon sprint is a scaled down version of a full triathlon that includes a 500 meter swim, a 10 mile bike ride, and a 2 mile run. You couldn't ask for a more beautiful place to hold a triathlon and the weather this year was perfect. We were all so proud of Lisa as she crossed the finish line like the true champ she is!



Lisa Snowshoeing on the Spooner Lake Trail

Bob, though "officially" retired, really hasn't. He has taken on many jobs including a part-time appointment with the University of Nevada, Reno to help stand up a workforce development program, assisting two companies directly and a number of others indirectly with their business development efforts. He also serves on a number of boards including our church board where he is Vice President. He was also honored to be appointed by the Governor as a Commissioner for Nevada's Mineral Resources Division.



Lisa on the Home Stretch of the Bike Leg of the Tahoe Triathlon

Mining is such a big part of, not only Nevada's history with precious metals like gold and silver, but also it's future due to the large deposits of lithium and other critical minerals necessary for the future of transportation and energy storage. Considering gold alone, Nevada has consistently produced more than 70 percent of the U.S. gold production and ranks in the top five in the world for gold production.

After his August Commission meeting, Lisa joined him and the other Commissioners for an amazing tour of one of the largest open pit and underground

gold mines in the world. We were both amazed at the scale and size of these operations and the equipment used. Bob fits right in and is excited to be part of the Mineral Resources team.



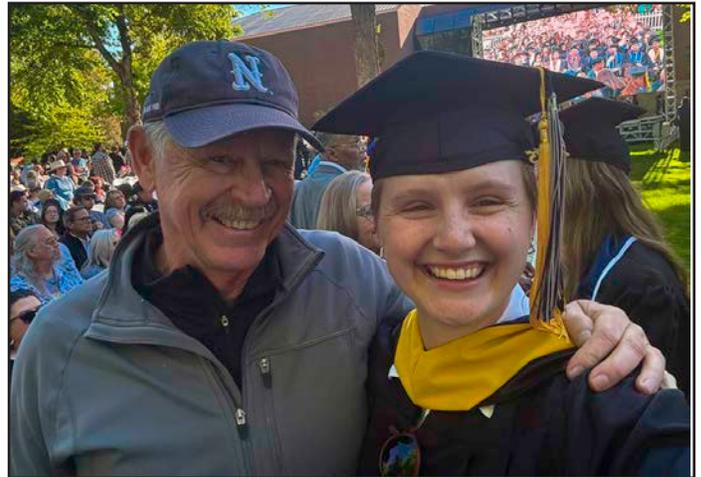
Commissioner Potts at the Goldrush Mine



Hannah in the Helicopter over Chile

in the field - which she loves!) and making a difference in protecting the natural resources of public lands. This year Hannah traveled to Chile where she flew drones on an active volcano to study lava movement and also got to take her first helicopter ride! She also made trips to New York City, Las Vegas and San Francisco. Hannah loves living in Reno and building a creative and supportive community there.

On May 15th, we joined Hannah to celebrate her graduation with a Master of Science in Geography from the The Mackay School of Earth Sciences and Engineering at the University of Nevada, Reno. She presented her thesis on her study of the Mohave Ground Squirrel and was very pleased to have accomplished her educational goal. Hannah is now living in Reno and working for the Sierra Institute located in Taylorsville, California. She works remotely, but often drives to Taylorsville to meet with the team. She is really enjoying working in her field (and sometimes out



A Proud Dad at Hannah's Masters Graduation

In September Bob and Hannah flew to Montana to visit Grandma Potts and celebrate her 92nd birthday with her. While in Montana, Bob spent much of his time helping with a few projects around Grandma's house and helping her with some of her finances. Hannah worked remotely from Grandma's house and enjoyed spending "girl-time" together with her.



Caleb Running in the Battle of the Rattle

On September 20th Caleb ran in the 20th annual Battle of the Rattle 5K run in Reno. The race starts with a steep rock scramble up the side of Rattlesnake Mountain. Caleb ended up coming in 4th in his category. He really pushed himself and this was the first race he's ever gotten sick afterwards, but he said it was worth it!

Caleb is now a senior in Mechanical Engineering at UNR and will graduate this spring. He is a Resident Advisor in Great Basin Dorm for the third year in a row, though this is the first year that he doesn't have all freshman on his floor! He still runs almost every day, is a campus club leader, and always looks forward to his Dungeons & Dragons sessions. He continues to write creatively in his spare time and enjoys hanging out with Hannah and her friends.



Caleb at His Internship

This summer, Caleb did an internship with James Hardie Building Materials. They have a great facility just outside of Reno and he really enjoyed his time with them and was excited that he got to work on solutions to engineering problems in a real world setting. A couple of months ago, Caleb interviewed with James Hardie, and they were quick to offer him a full time engineering position upon graduation. He also passed his Fundamentals of Engineering test recently - Way to go, Caleb!

This fall Bob got to enjoy a wonderful seven day river trip down the Green River in central Utah through Desolation and Gray Canyons. River trips have been one of our favorite outdoor adventures and this trip was no exception. October is a wonderful time to float desert southwest rivers because, although shorter, the days are mostly warm



Bob and Our Good Friend Phil Spargo on the Green River

and sunny. Nights do get cool however and Bob woke up a couple of mornings with his sleeping back covered in frost.

The great thing about river trips is they combine the best of backpacking and car camping – you get to experience the remoteness of backpacking and the luxury of having all the extras of car camping. It really is a great way to go. One of the unexpected outcomes of this trip is that Bob came home with a boat. Our friend, Dann Coffey, had two, one of which Bob rowed, and he wanted to sell it. So, he made Bob a really great deal which led to the next challenge, how to get it home. Bob ended up rolling up the raft and putting it and all the gear in the back of our 4Runner, tied the oars on the roof rack, and strapped the frame to a hitch rack. It all worked perfectly other than the tail lights were a little hard to see. That said, our custom "RVRTME" (River Time) license plates could still be clearly seen and now seem entirely appropriate.



Bob with Our New/Used Boat Loaded to Take Home

On May 24th we took an amazing hot air balloon ride over the beautiful Carson Valley. We had taken another hot air balloon ride with the same company in 2020 over Lake Tahoe and had a great time. It was fun to fly over the valley where we live and see it from the air. Everything was so green and lush. We had an amazing time.



This year's adventures ranged from flying high over the valley to traveling 900 feet underground in one of the largest underground gold mines in the world. In all the ups and downs of life, treasures and adventures abound. We wish you many adventures in the year ahead!

Love,

Bob & Lisa  
Hannah  
Caleb



We'd love to have you visit in person, but you can always visit us on the web at [www.pottsadventures.com](http://www.pottsadventures.com).

Wishing Everyone the Best of Holidays!