

## February 2022



Here at White Pine Wealth Management, we're pulling out the wool sweaters and loading up the fireplace with wood because it has been COLD up here in Maine. At the end of January, a blizzard dumped over a foot of snow on us and more is headed our way. Thankfully, February is full of fun and festivities to keep us busy!

### February Holidays



Between [President's Day](#), [Groundhog's Day](#), [Valentine's Day](#), [the Super Bowl](#), and the [Chinese New Year](#), February is a month so full of things to celebrate that [some years](#), we need an extra day to get it all in. February is also [Black History Month](#). Click here for [9 Ways to Learn About Black History in Maine](#). And this year, just in time for [American Hearth Month](#), White Pine Wealth Management made a donation to the [American Heart Association](#) in honor of our wonderful clients.

## Superbowl 2022



Some of us are feeling a little deflated these days after some really close losses this year. Did you know this will be the first Super Bowl since 2009 that will not include Tom Brady or Aaron Rodgers? [Here's a link to the NFL's official Super Bowl 2022 page](#), and below, we're sharing our personal picks for all things Super Bowl this year.

**Gibson:** [Bonobo Pizza](#) and [Ricetta's](#) are favorites of ours, and being from Missouri, of course I root for the Chiefs!

**Paige:** I used to live on the West End, so [Bonobo Pizza](#) was my favorite. But [Otto Pizza](#) is easier to get to now, and they are a very close 2<sup>nd</sup>. I root for football season to be over, mostly. But I definitely enjoy watching Hampton laying on top of his father all day long on football Sunday!



**Teri:** For Pizza, I like [Anthony's Italian Kitchen](#) or [Flatbread](#). I'm not much of a football fan but rooted for the Pats when Brady and Gronk were on the team.

**Grey:** My favorite team is the Patriots, although I am glad to see two new teams in the mix this year. As for Pizza, my new favorite is [Pizzaiolo](#) on Cumberland Avenue. It's the closest thing I have found to New York style pizza in Maine.

**Mary Beth:** I am not a huge football fan, so my order of enjoyment ranks: 1. Junk food 2. Commercials 3. Half-time show 4. The game. If the Pats are in it, I watch some of the game, but I often disappear to another room and watch something else... Masterpiece on PBS maybe? Junk food can be anything, but favorites are [buffalo chicken](#), nachos, pizza, and beer of course.

**Melissa:** My favorite pizza is [Otto Pizza](#). My favorite football team is the Pats, but I have a soft spot for the Browns. [That team just can't get a break!](#)

**Matt:** The Patriots and the [Pizza Joint](#).

**Shana:** I don't think you can go wrong with [Pat's Pizza](#), and my favorite team is the NE Patriots of course. And here's a picture of Dozer - he is a great snow day, home office buddy!



## Team Updates

**Paige Batchelder, CFP®**  
**Managing Director, Partner**



Please join us in congratulating [Paige Batchelder](#) on her new partnership with White Pine Wealth Management. Paige has been with our team since 2015 but has been working in the industry since 2004 when she first met Melissa Duffy at A.G. Edwards. She earned her [Certified Financial Planner \(CFP®\)](#) designation in 2020. Paige has brought many years of experience, knowledge, and dog pictures to our practice and we are so pleased to continue that partnership going forward. Congratulations, Paige!

## Teri Conley



Teri is an important member of the White Pine Wealth Management team. Many of you speak to her on a regular basis and we hope to have everyone meet her eventually. Until then, we decided to interview her with some hard-hitting questions so you can get to know her a little better.

**1. You grew up in Massachusetts and came to Maine in the summers to Peaks Island. What made you decide that Maine was where you wanted to settle?**

My parents and grandparents bought our first cottage on Peaks the year before I was born and we spent every summer there from the day after school let out in June until Labor Day weekend so I developed my love of Maine early. It is such a beautiful state with something for everyone, great hiking, great skiing and, for those of us on the coast, we get to see the ocean every day. Also, I just love Portland. I knew early on that I wanted to live here. I moved to Portland a few months after graduating from high school and have never wanted to live anywhere else.

**2. What is the most underrated thing in Portland?**

Portland has a great trail system and a lot of green space that is, I think, underrated. People are often aware of the parks but less so the trails. Portland Trails is one group that maintains some beautiful trails in Portland and surrounding towns that can be used year round. Most are dog friendly and some allow bikes.

**3. What made you want to join our team?**

I met Melissa and Paige first and they were so welcoming. I was very impressed with their rapport with their clients and their work ethic. When we joined Gibson, Blake and Grey they shared the same values and commitment to their clients. I think we all want to be part of a team we're proud to support and where we feel valued.

**4. You adopted Gibson's cat, Maya, who was pretty relieved to be living her new life dog-free with you. What's been fun about your new roommate?**

Maya is the sweetest little roommate! She is waiting at the door when I get home and she lies on the rug and spins herself in circles as a greeting. She's a very vocal cat, which I enjoy. She really enjoys being scratched with a back scratcher and she sleeps draped across my feet. She's a little love and I'm grateful to Gibson for letting me adopt her.



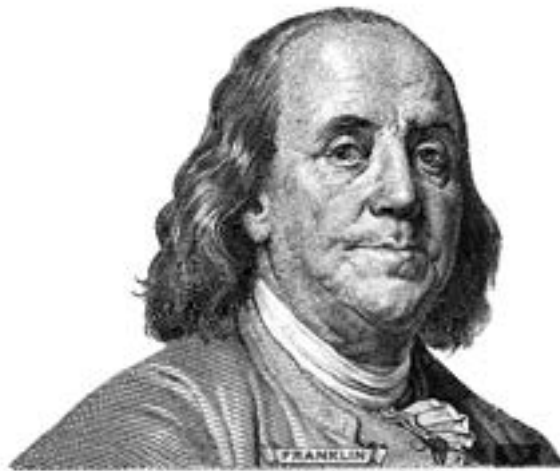
5. **What's your craziest bucket list item?**

There are some adventures I'd like to do but maybe the craziest, and least likely thing, is that I'd like to sing on Broadway.

6. **Any favorite moments in your time on our team?**

I really enjoyed meeting so many clients at our open house when we moved the office from Portland to Falmouth.

One of two things certain in life...



Tax season is upon us. [Here is some information from Fidelity](#) about tax document schedules. 2021 was a big year for profit taking and many of our clients realized gains that were higher than in years past. A strategy we employed with many clients was to keep some cash on the sidelines to cover any tax shortfalls that may arise. Please contact us if you have questions.

If you are not working with an accountant, you may not realize [all the benefits they can bring to the table](#). Their job is not just to make sure you're compliant with the IRS – they are there to help you maximize your income and create efficiency in your household or business finances. We work in concert

with tax professionals all the time to make sure our clients are meeting their goals and avoiding any surprises every April.

Finally, if this is the year you are resolved to get more organized and take control of your finances, [this handy calendar](#) is a great place to start.

## What to do? What to do?

Temperatures have been below zero more than once lately and it's easy to just stay inside and wait for spring. But there are [lots of great things to do](#) in New England in February that don't involve wi-fi. [The Camden Snow Bowl](#) is a family favorite that will thrill adults and kids alike. [Ice Castles in New Hampshire](#) is a must-see. Or check out a [Boston Bruins game](#) for some action-packed fun with the whole family. [Snowmobiling](#) can be a great way to see parts of nature that you'd never be able to get to in the winter otherwise. Guided tours and packages abound. But don't go it alone if you're new to the game – let a pro show you how much fun it can be first.

## See you in March!

With only a few weeks on the books of 2022, we are optimistic that this will be another great year serving you, our wonderful clients. Whether you're in Maine or have flown to warmer climes across the country, from the beaches to the slopes, White Pine Wealth Management is honored to help you get there!