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July 2021 Newsletter



Greetings from White Pine Wealth Management! Summer is in full swing here in Maine. This month, we're taking an opportunity to share a little bit about ourselves and some of the things we've been up to outside the office.



White Pine Wealth Management Roots

Many of you have been with us through the years (and the changes) and you've seen the [evolution of our team and our brand](#). As we began planning for the future of our practice, there was a great deal of collaboration, discussion, and research surrounding our name. We wanted something that conveyed our core values of honesty, integrity, and commitment to our clients. We wanted something that honored our community and our state. We wanted something that spoke to our long history with multiple generations of client families. Ultimately, a tree native to Maine and considered ideal for masts on naval ships began to feel like the perfect representation of who we are. And thus, White Pine Wealth Management was chosen. But do you know the history of the eastern [White Pine](#)?

### **What we're up to**

#### **Grey Terry**

Some of us are [a little more adventurous](#) than others. Last month, [Grey Terry](#) completely unplugged and headed west with a group of friends for a bike ride of epic proportion. Beginning in Telluride, Colorado, they rode 244 miles of dirt roads and single track trails (that's 29 more miles than a round trip from Portland to Boston!) with 21,000 feet (nearly 4 miles!) of vertical gain over the course of seven days, finally ending in Moab, Utah.



#### **Shana Bennett**

Most summer evenings, Shana and her family can be found picking blueberries on the hill behind their house. Like a page out of Robert McCloskey's [Blueberries for Sal](#), her son will happily plop himself down amongst the bushes and eat to his heart's content. New puppy, Dozer, prefers to frolic around from patch to patch. Dozer is a little bundle of energy, as most [German Shorthaired Pointers](#) are, and they can't wait to bring him to a favorite hiking spot, [Wolfe's Neck Woods State Park](#) in Freeport, ME. There are [numerous trails](#), including an accessible trail. Along the way, there are tidal pools to browse and an Osprey nesting area lookout. Before heading home, Shana says a stop into [Buck's Naked BBQ](#) for a cold beverage and burnt ends is a must. And like Dozer, your pup will enjoy lounging on the pet-friendly outdoor patio.



Maine has so many fantastic trails to explore, [here is a great resource](#) to find one in your neck of the woods. Happy trails and happy tails!



### **Paige Batchelder**

Competitive gardener and self-proclaimed landscape architect [Paige Batchelder](#), thoroughly unaware of the effort required to do it, recently undertook the building of a stone wall at her home in Gorham. With a little advice from some YouTube videos, she managed to pull it off over the course of two weekends. Blue hydrangea and yellow climbing roses from [Broadway Gardens](#) in South Portland will be planted here by fall. Now *fully* aware of the effort required, she has pared back her plans to put a stone wall around everything she sees.





### **Gibson Wilkes**

[Gibson](#) is starting a new adventure: hitting the Idaho mountain trails on her new pedal-assisted mountain bike. She has named the bike Walter and they are off exploring the many trails in [Ponderosa State Park in Idaho](#). Unfortunately, Gibson and Walter had a recent altercation with a tree root and took a minor, but very educational, tumble. Words were exchanged and bruises were evaluated, but they are now back in unison and looking forward to many rides together. Walter could not be reached for comment.

Gibson's daughter, son-in-law, and new grandbaby, Lucy, joined them for the Fourth of July and they had a ball at the nearby town celebrations. Lucy is 9 months old and is a true delight.



## Recommendations



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- If you've never explored [Maine's islands](#), you are missing out. A truly enchanted evening can be had by [hopping on a ferry](#) to Great Diamond Island for dinner at [Diamond's Edge](#). Longtime summer resident of Peaks Island, [Teri Conley](#) recommends the unassuming, locally acclaimed [Cockeyed Gull Restaurant](#). A recent uptick in island tourism has created larger than normal demand for ferry access, so it's recommended that you get to the boat 15 to 30 minutes ahead of departure to secure your place near the front of the line. Bon voyage!
- [Matt Emery](#), wife Sarah, and sons Sam and Will like to head out to sea on his inlaw's boat, puttering around to the various islands and inlets. 7-year-old Sam frequently captains the ship once they're out of the channel. If they aren't picnicking at a mooring, or fighting off pirates, they like to cruise on over to [Erica's Seafood](#) in Harpswell for lobster rolls.
- [Mary Beth Malone](#) makes a summer trip to the [White Mountains](#) with her grandchildren each year. She suggests checking out [Diana's Baths](#) if you're looking for an easy, kid-friendly hike to one of the most magical waterfalls in New England.
- [Teri Conley](#) enjoys biking around Portland and often heads out to [Willard Beach](#) in South Portland to enjoy a swim, a picnic, and a good book. She recommends "[The Memory of Running](#)" by Ron McLarty and "[Cycling Home from Siberia](#)" by Rob Lilwall.
- Looking for things you can do with your dog? [This is a great guide for dog owners](#) in Maine so you don't have to leave your barking buddy behind.
- An early spring has made it feel like a longer-than-usual summer season here in Maine, but it has also contributed to record tick reports. The Maine Medical Center Research Institute [has a number of resources](#) that may be helpful if you find yourself hosting unwanted summer guests.
- It's fair season in Maine and we aren't talking about the weather. After a year of cancelled events, [Melissa Duffy](#), recommends you check out [Maine's agricultural fairs](#). There's something for everyone!

We hope you're having a wonderful summer full of friends, family, fun, and adventures. Wherever your summer plans take you, White Pine Wealth Management is honored to help you get there!