

# December 2020

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## Holiday Activities

Due to COVID-19 many things have been cancelled this year that are normally always running during the holiday season, but there are a few things that are still going on. There are still many Christmas light displays going on whether it be in Candy Cane lane in West Allis, Country Christmas lights displays in Pewaukee, or Kids2Kids Christmas Wonderland in Grafton. If you are looking for more activities to do check with your local cities to see what is still going on. These two links also have information [Here](#) and [Here](#).

Although this year and this holiday season will be different than usual, try to embrace the holiday spirit. Try to find time to be with family and friends whether it be in person or via video chat. Maybe donate to a local food bank, a toy drive, or Salvation Army red kettle. However you choose to celebrate this holiday season try to have fun and stay healthy. We wish you all happy and healthy holidays and New Years from the JVB Financial Team.

## DECEMBER FUN FACTS

- Each year over 3 billion Christmas cards are sent in the US
- The tallest Christmas Tree ever cut was 221 feet tall.
- Approximately 30-35 million real Christmas trees are sold each year in the US
- December's birth flowers are holly & paperwhite
- During Christmas season 28 Lego sets are sold every second
- National Cookie Day is December 4th.
- During the Christmas season each year more than 1.76 billion candy canes are made.

### Special Reminders:

Do you need a referral for anything? Call us, we would love to help!

If you have any changes to your personal information, please call Ashleigh at 262-408-5820 and she will be happy to assist you!

Would you like to schedule a progress appointment with Jay? Call Ashleigh at 262-408-5820 to set up an appointment.



**Wishing all our  
clients born in  
December a splendid  
birthday.  
Cheers to another!**

The celebs celebrating ...  
12/2 Aaron Rodgers turns 37  
12/6 Giannis Antetokounmpo turns 26  
12/10 Bobby Flay turns 56  
12/13 Taylor Swift turns 31  
12/18 Brad Pitt turns 57  
12/25 Jimmy Buffett turns 74  
12/28 Denzel Washington turns 66  
12/29 Alison Brie turns 38  
12/30 Tiger Woods turns 45

# Gingerbread Pancakes

- 1 ½ cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- ¼ teaspoon baking soda
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon ground dried ginger
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1 egg
- ½ teaspoon vanilla extract
- ¼ cup molasses
- 1 ½ cups water



## A Message From Jay

Welcome to December!

It's hard to believe that this crazy year is almost over. COVID-19 has really changed our lives. I always try to find the positive in things and when something bad happens, like Covid-19, we have a choice on how to react. For me, business wise, it has forced me to use technology a lot more. We are meeting with our clients via Zoom meeting. We are also using email and DocuSign to get insurance and investment applications processed. We are using the mail for those who are more comfortable with that and we are meeting with people in person using safe and compliant procedures as well. We are keeping in touch with our clients as much as possible.

From a personal standpoint, I did a lot more outdoor activities such as hiking, biking, running, pickle ball etc. We visited more state parks this year alone, than I have my entire life! I got a combination smoker/grill and have been trying out new recipes on that too!

As I reflect back on 2020, I am very grateful for my health, my family and my friends. I am also grateful to help many of you feel comfortable about your money and protection you have in place for yourself and your loved ones. Please let me know if I can be a further resource for you or those close to you. I wish you a very Merry Christmas and Holiday season! Also, best wishes for a happy and healthy 2021.

Jay

P.S. We still have a few Mutual of Omaha Wild Kingdom wall calendars available. If you'd like one, give us a call or send us an email.

## Directions

1. Whisk the flour, baking powder, baking soda, salt, ginger, and cinnamon in a bowl; set aside. Beat the egg in a separate mixing bowl with the vanilla and molasses until smooth. Whisk in the water until completely incorporated. Stir the flour mixture into the molasses mixture until just combined -- a few lumps are okay.
2. Heat a lightly oiled griddle over medium-high heat. Drop batter by large spoonful onto the griddle, and cook until bubbles form and the edges are dry. Flip, and cook until browned on the other side. Repeat with remaining batter.



## **Wild Kingdom Wall Calendars are in**

call **262-408-5820**

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to reserve yours!

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