# October 2020 the confusion

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### Fall Season

We are now into the Fall season, and as the weather starts to turn there are many different fall activities to do. Although we may not be able to do some of the typical activities, like go to haunted houses or October fall festivals because of COVID. Some of the classic fall activities include apple picking, going to a pumpkin patch, and carving pumpkins can still happen. Embrace the season, go to one of the many local pumpkin patches, corn mazes, or apple orchards.

Another great spot to check out the beautiful fall scenery with the leaves changing color is Holy Hill. It provides great sights around the area with the trees bursting with yellow, orange, and red colored leaves. Lastly, don't be afraid to show some Halloween spirit by decorating your house, dressing up in a costume and passing out candy to the kids who are trick-or-treating. Regardless of what you do, enjoy what could be the last of the nice weather before it becomes a typical freezing Wisconsin winter.

Another bright spot is the Packers are playing really well and seem to be a Super Bowl contender again. The Wisconsin Badgers and the rest of the BIG 10 will also start play on October 24th. The Badgers are looking for another year as Big 10 West division champions. Hopefully this is the year they can finally take home the Big 10 championship and maybe sneak into the College Football Playoffs.

### OCTOBER FUN FACTS

- October's birth flower is the Calendula
- October has two birthstones, they are the Opal and pink Tourmaline
- Halloween candy sales average about 2 billion dollars annually in the United States
- Candy bars top the list as the most popular candy for trick-or-treaters with Snickers #1
- Tootsie Rolls were the first wrapped penny candy
- Halloween was brought to North America by immigrants from Europe who would celebrate the harvest around a bonfire, share ghost stories, sing, and dance

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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 October a splendid birthday. Cheers to another!

The celebs celebrating ... 10/1 Brie Larson turns 31 10/2 Kelly Ripa turns 50 10/8 Bruno Mars turns 39 10/10 Brett Favre turns 51 10/16 John Mayer turns 43 10/20 Joh Krasinski turns 41 10/21 Kim Kardashian turns 40 10/23 Ryan Reynolds turns 53 10/28 Bill Gates turns 65

### **Pumpkin Brownies**

- ¾ cup all-purpose flour •
- ½ teaspoon baking powder
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ¾ cup butter, melted
- 1 ½ cups white sugar
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 3 large eggs
- ¼ cup cocoa powder

- ½ cup semi-sweet chocolate chips
- ½ cup pumpkin puree
- ½ cup chopped walnuts
- ¾ teaspoon ground cinnamon
- ½ teaspoon ground cloves
- ½ teaspoon ground nutmeg



### A Message From Jay

Welcome to October!

Well, our weather certainly has changed to Fall weather in a hurry! Hopefully we will have some warmer days yet this month.

In the sports world, the Bucks fell short of everyone's expectations despite Giannis Antetokounmpo being named MVP for the second year in a row and also being selected as Defensive Player of the year. Only two other players have received both awards in the same season. Michael Jordan in 1988 with Chicago Bulls and Hakeem Olajuwon in 1994 with the Houston Rockets. The Bucks fell to a good Miami Heat team in the second round. They have been on a roll and play LeBron James and Los Angeles Lakers in the NBA Finals. If the Bucks can acquire an All-Star caliber guard, I believe they would be ready to take the next step to be contenders for the championship next season.

The Milwaukee Brewers snuck into the playoffs with some help and as of printing, they are playing against the number 1 seed Los Angeles Dodgers in the first round. Their starting pitching is somewhat shaky heading into the series due to some injuries late in the season. Anything can happen in a short 3 game series, so we will hope for the best.

The Green Bay Packers are off to a great 3-0 start and their offense seems to have a better handle on coach Matt LaFleur's schemes. The offense is putting up huge numbers even with out Devante Adams recently because of injury. Let's hope the Packers can make a deep run into the playoffs this season! Finally, the Wisconsin Badgers football team will kick off their season by hosting Illinois October 24<sup>th</sup>. They will play an 8-game conference schedule and the Big 10 Championship game is scheduled for December 19<sup>th</sup>. The Badgers are ranked 19<sup>th</sup> in the AP poll without having played any games yet. Hopefully they can put together another good season. We still have Packer magnet schedules available. If you'd like one or two just give us a call or send us an email.

Be Well, Jay

- 1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Grease an 8x8 inch baking pan. Stir the flour, baking powder, and salt together in a bowl.
- 2. In another bowl, stir together the melted butter, sugar, and vanilla extract; beat in the eggs one at a time with a spoon. Gradually add the flour mixture, and stir the batter until it's evenly moistened. Divide the batter in half in two separate bowls.
- 3. Into one bowl of batter, blend the cocoa powder and chocolate chips. In the second bowl of batter, stir in the pumpkin puree, walnuts, cinnamon, cloves, and nutmeg.
- 4. Spread 1/2 of the chocolate batter into the bottom of the prepared baking pan, and follow with 1/2 of the pumpkin batter. Repeat the layers, ending with a pumpkin layer, and drag a kitchen knife or small spatula gently through the layers in a swirling motion, to create a marbled appearance.
- Bake in the preheated oven for 40 to 45 minutes. Cool in the pan, cut into squares, and serve.



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