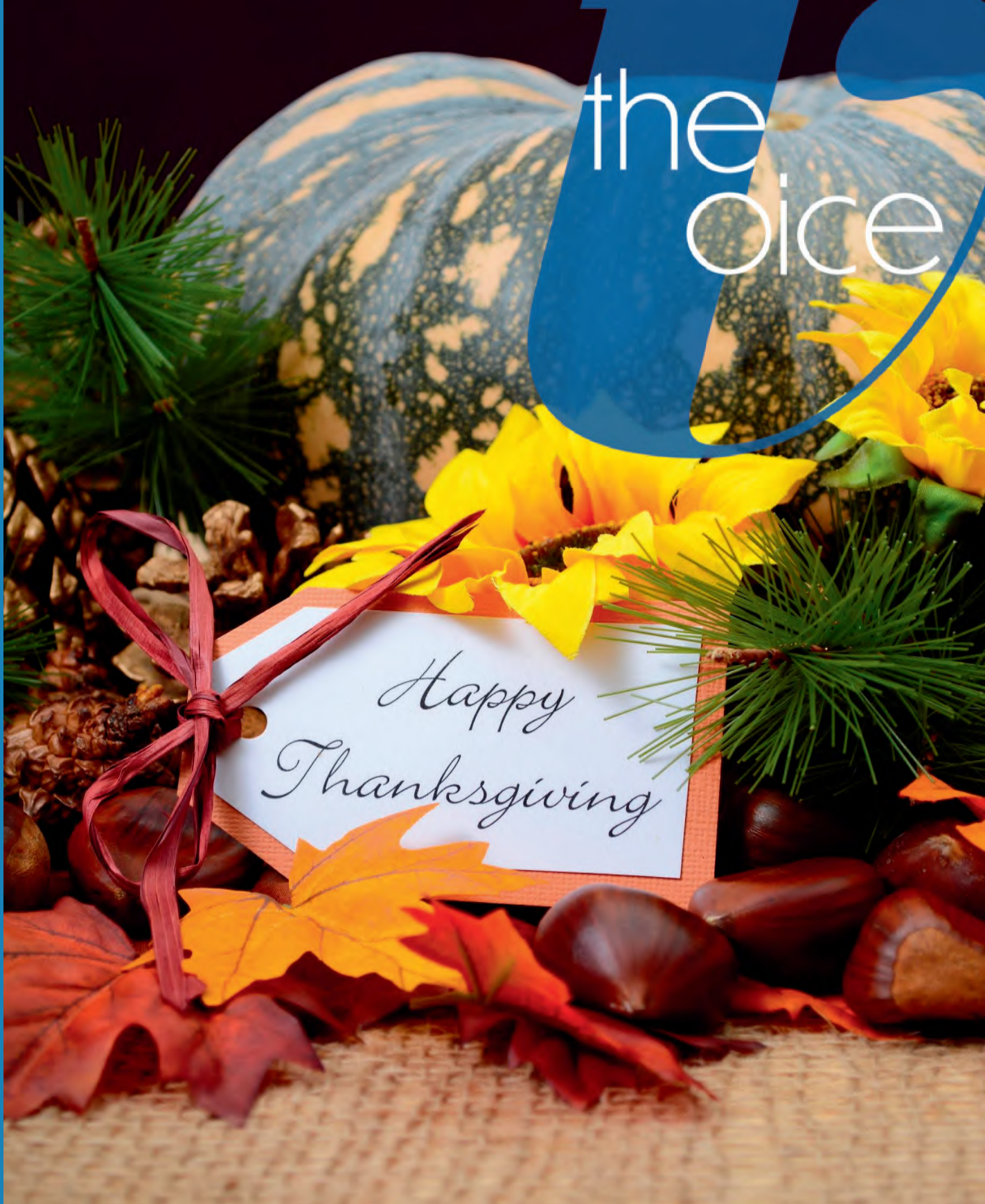


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"Be thankful for what you have; you'll end up having more. If you concentrate on what you don't have, you will never, ever have enough."

*Oprah Winfrey*

"It's not happiness that brings us gratitude. It's gratitude that brings us happiness."  
*Anonymous*

*Thankful  
Quotes to  
Change  
Your  
Perspective*

"Family is not an important thing. It's everything."  
*Michael J. Fox*

"Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it."  
*William Arthur Ward*

*By Stephanie Kirby/Everyday Power*  
<https://everydaypower.com/thankful-quotes/>

These thankful quotes will help you look at your life through a new lens.

Life can be hard and everyone goes through difficult periods from time to time. During those times it's easy to only focus on the bad things. But the more you focus on the bad, the harder it is to notice the good things that you have in your life.

That's why it's so important to keep a mindset of gratitude at all times. When you do focus on what you're thankful for instead of all the problems in your life, it can change the way you think of everything.

Hopefully reading through these quotes helps you think of the things that you're thankful for in your own life. Gratitude is powerful and can change your outlook and attitude going forward.

However, it's important to understand that gratitude is not a one and done thing. If you don't continue to think about the things you're thankful for, it's easy to forget. That's why you should take at least a few minutes out of each day to think about those things. It can also be helpful to keep a gratitude list that you can read when you need to be reminded of all those things.

*grateful*

# STAY ON YOUR TOES

It's fundamental to remain alert and proactive along our financial journeys. Because, as technology evolves, the way we manage our money changes as well. We receive billing notifications by text message, we pay for our groceries online, and we do it without pulling a single dollar out of our wallets. Using digital currency has become so customary that it's simple to let our guard down. Professional phishers and con-artists are constantly developing better ways to intercept our money and that's exactly why it's more important than ever to stay on your toes.

Texting may be the easiest form of communication there is right now. While phishers have always been crafty at luring us in with their messaging, it's easier than ever for us to participate in their scams today. Some of the more popular text messaging scams encourage us to click a link, directing us to sites that try to steal our personal information.

SECURITY

## **Be mindful of texts similar to this:**

- “ (Name), we came across a parcel from (a recent month) pending for you. Kindly claim ownership and confirm for delivery here,” along with a link. When you click the link, a page tells you that the alleged package is free of charge, but you're still asked to provide your credit card information. This message is a scam.
- Other scams claim you owe money on a debt. These claim your payment is past due and offer a link to pay the amount owed.
- Or you may receive one from a bank asking you to confirm personal information or reactivate your card by following a link.

***Each of these samples are attempts to steal your personal information and or your money. Don't respond to unknown numbers or share personal information in a text and think twice before clicking any links in a text message.***



## **ADD DEBIT CARD ALERTS WITH SECURLOCK EQUIP!**

SecurLOCK Equip provides instant notifications whenever your card is used and offers convenient ON/OFF controls to shut your card down if it becomes lost or stolen. Download SecurLOCK Equip from your app store and follow the easy steps to connect your debit card today!

\*Message and data rates may apply



*Sending heartfelt wishes for a wonderful Thanksgiving to all of you in our VIP Family.*

*Thanksgiving may look a little different this year.  
But that doesn't mean we can't enjoy all the good stuff.  
And you definitely don't want to skip the dessert!*

*Pie or Cake? Can't decide? Try this recipe to satisfy both!*

### **Pumpkin Pie Cake**

*Source: Taste of Home*

1 package yellow cake mix (regular size)  
3 large eggs, room temperature  
1 cup water  
1 cup canned pumpkin  
1 ¾ tsp ground cinnamon, divided  
¼ tsp ground ginger  
¼ tsp ground nutmeg  
2 ½ cups vanilla frosting  
1 ¼ cups chopped walnuts  
Additional ground cinnamon

### **Directions**

In a large bowl, combine the cake mix, eggs, water, pumpkin, 1 tsp cinnamon, ginger and nutmeg; beat on low speed for 30 seconds. Beat on medium for 2 minutes.

Pour into 2 well-greased and floured 9-inch round baking pans. Bake at 375° for 25-30 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in each center comes out clean. Cool for 10 minutes before removing from pans to wire racks to cool completely.

Combine frosting and remaining cinnamon; spread between layers and over top and sides of cake. Press walnuts lightly into frosting on sides of cake. If desired, dust top of cake with additional ground cinnamon.

