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**Encanto**
115 W. Main St., Urbana | facebook.com/profile.php?id=61550193136075
With vivid murals from local artists, this new Mexican and Peruvian spot in downtown Urbana will be a treat for your eyes and your tastebuds!

**Smith Burger Co. at Collective Pour**
340 N. Neil St., Champaign | smithburgerco.com
Joining forces with Collective Pour, you can now get top-rated smashburgers with a wide selection of craft beer. Don't miss their deep-fried hotdogs with all the toppings!

**Dubai Grill**
701 S. Gregory St., Urbana | dubai-grill.com
This Middle Eastern joint on campus lets you create your own flavors when building your shawarma, falafel, and gyros with toppings like hummus, babaganog, fattoush salad, pickled turnips, and much more.

**Gallery Art Bar**
119 W. Main St., Urbana | instagram.com/galleryartbar.urbana/
New in downtown Urbana, this bar features digital décor, with changing light installations setting the mood. Their creative space extends to their drinks, both alcoholic and non-alcoholic, creating a perfect new happy hour space.

**Selfie Spots**
Check out these spots, or any on our fall checklist, and share on Instagram with #experiencecu!

Clockwise from top left
1. Curtis Orchard & Pumpkin Patch
2. Hardy's Reindeer Ranch
3. Jose Vasquez Mural at Champaign-Urbana Public Health District
4. Winter Nights at Prairie Farm

**Lucky Moon Pies**
401 E. Oak St., Mahomet | luckymoonpies.com
Tis the season for savory and sweet pies! Save yourself time and pick up these homemade delights to enjoy for yourself, or to impress your guests. Their rotating flavors will keep you coming back for more!

**Pekara Bakery & Bistro**
811 W. Springfield Ave., Champaign | pekarabistro.com
Breakfast or lunch, this neighborhood bistro will serve you everything from their daily quiche to toasts and hearty bowls of soup. Pick up Central Illinois Bakehouse bread while there and don't forget one of their tasty pastries for dessert!

**Cloud Mountain Kombucha**
300 S. Broadway Ave., Urbana | cloudmountainkombucha.com
Located in Lincoln Square Mall, this small-batch kombucha brewery utilizes local ingredients from their own farm alongside other local farms to create inspired, and seasonal flavors. Fall in love with this fermented beverage, also found in shops around the area.

**Stay Active & Involved**
Fall is the ideal time to get outside to enjoy the colors and crisp air. Also, check out the many volunteer opportunities throughout the community this season.

**Outdoor Activities**

**Meadowbrook Park**
2808 S. Race St., Urbana | urbanaparks.org
Fall colors pop against the sculpture that rises from the prairie. Take a walk at this Urbana staple.

**Lake of the Woods Forest Preserve**
109 S. Lake of the Woods Rd., Mahomet | ccfpd.org
Get a birds-eye view of fall foliage when you climb the Hi-Tower Carilion, where you'll see acres of trees in all their autumn glory.

**Middle Fork River Forest Preserve**
3485 County Rd. 2700 E., Penfield | ccfpd.org
Don't miss an amazing view of the stars at Illinois’ only International Dark Sky Park. Reserve your camping space!

**Volunteer Opportunities**

**Area Rotary Clubs**
Join one of the many local rotary clubs to network and provide service to the community. See a list at rotarydistrict6490.org.

**United Way of Champaign County**
Get a list of community organizations needing volunteers at uwayhelps.org/volunteer

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