

YOUR WINTER CHECKLIST

in the greater Champaign County area

January-March 2020

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YOU'RE WELCOME 

yourewelcomeCU.com

MUST-ATTEND EVENTS & ACTIVITIES



1 FIGHTING ILLINI BASKETBALL

fightingillini.com

Break out the orange and head to the State Farm Center to cheer on the Men's and Women's Basketball teams as they compete for the Big Ten Championship and an NCAA bid.

CHAMPAIGN COUNTY AREA RESTAURANT WEEK

January 24-February 1 | ccrestaurantweek.org

You didn't really need those resolutions, right? Discover the area's vibrant culinary scene during the 4th annual Restaurant Week with special menus for lunch & dinner.



3 SHANGHAI BALLET

January 28-29 | krannertcenter.com

The award-winning Shanghai Ballet presents *The Butterfly Lovers* as Krannert Center kicks off their spring programming in the tradition of classical dance performances.

THE GREAT COVER UP

February 7-8 & 14-15 | citycenterchampaign.com

Dozens of local bands cover our favorite artists over two music-filled weekends at The City Center. Each act is a surprise, so don't miss any!



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THAT'S WHAT SHE SAID

February 22 | thevirginia.org

Powerful stories from local women, shared for women at this annual event at the Virginia Theatre.

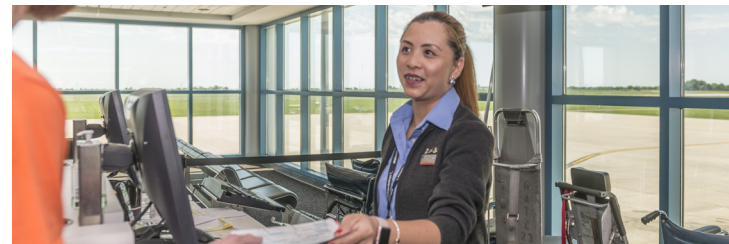


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ENGINEERING OPEN HOUSE

March 27-28 | eohillinois.org

Celebrate 100 years of innovation with the annual Engineering Open House at the University of Illinois. Hundreds of exhibits, demonstrations, and competitions crafted by students will wow you and your family at this free event



Did you know?

• The world changed in 1993 when a Champaign-Urbana team of computer scientists led by Marc Andreessen released Mosaic, the world's first popular browser. **Buy the t-shirt at ChambanaProud.com!**



• The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign has 46,000+ students from all 50 states and 100+ countries.

• Willard Airport is serviced by American Airlines who offers convenient, non-stop daily service to Chicago O'Hare, Dallas-Fort Worth, and Charlotte, NC. Connections are available from these major hubs to virtually anywhere on the globe. **Take the pledge to fly local at iflycu.com!**

COMMUNITY RANKINGS

• Champaign-Urbana named "Best Midwest Food Town" (*Midwest Living*)

• ILLINOIS ranks No. 1 global destination for international students, leader in international education (*Institute of International Education*)

• University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign ranked #10 on "The 10 Universities That Produce the Most Startup Founders" list (*PitchBook*)

CHAMBANAPROUD.COM

Show off your community pride with these new tees, designed by local artists. Highlighting our innovations, and love of CU, these shirts make great gifts for employees, recruits or just to wear for yourself! Buy online and in select stores.



Want more ideas for events & activities?

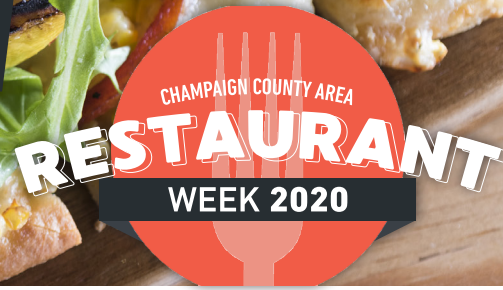
Check out visitchampaigncounty.org.

Learn more about community rankings & innovations:

yourewelcomecu.com

TOP IDEAS FOR FOOD & DRINK

Featuring 4th Annual Champaign County Area Restaurant Week Participants



Houlihan's 1900 S. First St., Champaign | houlihans.com

Kohinoor Indian Lounge 6 E. Columbia Ave., Champaign
kohinoorchampaign.com

Baldoratta's Porketta & Sicilian Sausage Lincoln Square, Urbana
baldarottas.com

Baxter's American Grille 100 Trade Center Dr., Champaign
baxtersgrille.com

Biaggi's Ristorante Italiano 2235 S. Neil St., Champaign
biaggis.com

Big Grove Tavern 1 E. Main St., Champaign | biggrovetavern.com

Caribbean Grill 2135 S. Neil St., Champaign | caribbeangrill.net

Clever Moose Café 1807 S. Neil St., Champaign | lodgic.org

Courier Café 111 N. Race St., Urbana | couriersilvercreek.com

Crane Alley 115 W. Main St., Urbana | crane-alley.com

The Dancing Dog Eatery 126 W. Main St., Urbana
dancingdogeatery.com

ET's Downtown 107 E. Sangamon, Rantoul | etsdowntown.com

Hamilton Walker's 201 N. Neil St., Champaign
hamiltonwalkers.com

Hank's Table 122 N. Neil St., Champaign | hankstable.com

J.T. Walker's Restaurant & Brewery 401 E. Main St., Mahomet
jtwalkers.com

Lodgic Everyday Kitchen 1807 S. Neil St., Champaign | lodgic.org

Nando Milano Trattoria 204 N. Neil St., Champaign
nandomilanochampaign.com

Neil St. Blues 301 N. Neil St., Champaign | neilstblues.com

Pizzeria Antica 10 E. Chester St., Champaign
anticachampaign.com

Project 47 Smokehouse 101 N. Lombard St., Mahomet
project47smokehouse.com

Silvercreek 402 N. Race St., Urbana | couriersilvercreek.com

Sticky Rice 415 N. Neil St., Champaign | stickyricechampaign.com

Sun Singer Wine & Spirits 1115 Windsor Rd., Champaign
sunsingerwines.com

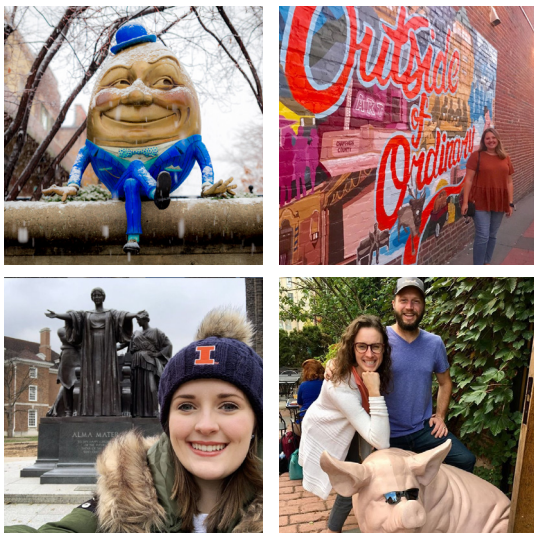
The Bread Company 706 S. Goodwin Ave., Urbana | thebread.co

The Pink Pig 2698 County Road 1600 N., Ogden
pinkpigrestaurant.com

The Wheelhouse 109 N. Main St., St. Joseph | wheelhousesjo.com

Selfie Spots

Check out these spots, or any on our fall checklist, and share on Instagram with #outsideofordinary and #yourewelcomecu for a chance to win a \$100 gift card to a local restaurant + a pair of Illini basketball tickets!



Clockwise from top left

1. Mr. Eggwards outside Esquire Lounge
2. Outside of Ordinary Mural at Visit Champaign County
3. Alma Mater
4. Pig at Blind Pig Brewery

STAY ACTIVE & INVOLVED

Winter offers plenty of activities, both indoors and outdoors, as well as many ways to supporting charities and volunteer opportunities.

Outdoor & Indoor Activities

Sangamon River Forest Preserve

2797 County Rd. 600 E., Fisher | ccfpd.org
Cross-country ski & bird watching

CU Adventures in Time & Space

302 N. Broadway Ave., Urbana | cuadventures.com

Urbana Indoor Aquatic Center

102 E. Michigan Ave., Urbana | urbanaparks.org

Volunteer & Non-Profit Opportunities

One Winter Night | February 7

Annual fundraiser for CU at Home, raising funds for homeless:
cuathome.us

Untitled 2020 | February 28

Annual fundraiser for 40 North, Champaign County Arts
Council: 40north.org

Young Professionals of CU | yprofcu.com

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