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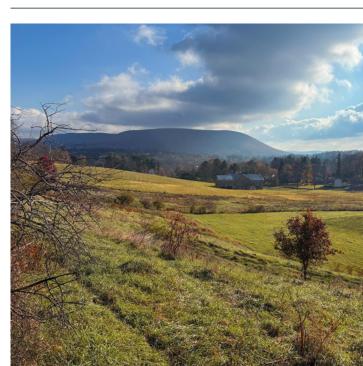
It snowed yesterday because this is Pennsylvania, and winter never asks permission. As we move inside and gear up for the holidays, there's plenty to keep us warm from live music and local art to hockey, hoops, wrestling, The Rivet Winter Market, and one last home football game. And if you need a spark of inspiration, last week's Teammates for Life Power Hour reminded us that the real Penn State glow doesn't come from the sun.



Teammates for Life: Love, Leadership, and the Classroom

Beyond Class I walked into the "Teammates for Life" Power Hour knowing there would be energy. When **Char Morett-Curtiss** is involved, there always is. What I didn't expect was to be so moved by what unfolded in that single hour. It became a living lesson in leadership, resilience, and

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the power of love over fear.

Has any season – any Penn State team – ever felt more snakebitten than this one? After weeks of upheaval that saw long-time head coach James Franklin relieved of his duties and interim head coach Terry Smith struggle to keep the runaway train on the rails through two brutal road contests, the Nittany Lions were rewarded with a third straight test against a top-five defense.

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In the heart of Pennsylvania, nestled among ridges and rich traditions, lies a place where hospitality isn't just practiced —it's lived. Welcome to Happy Valley, where every visit feels like coming home. On November 5, the Happy Valley Adventure Bureau (HVAB) brought together more than 300 hospitality leaders, community partners, ...

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LIVE HAPPY The Fountain of Youth Is **Hiding in Banana Suits and Smiles**

When my son was little, I spent countless hours volunteering at Ferguson Township Elementary. Honestly, I had more fun my second time through grade school than the first. Now, scrolling through Facebook, I notice that half my friends are half my age. Maybe staying young isn't about chasing youth, but staying close to it.

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EVENTS Stop On By: Celebrate Local Makers & Science at the 6th **Annual Rivet Winter Market in State College**

This weekend, take a break from the usual and step into a celebration of creativity, curiosity, and community. The 6th Annual Rivet Winter Market returns on Saturday and Sunday, November 15 and 16, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 1224 N. Atherton Street, and you're invited ...

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Serving with Joy: How the Centre County Pearls Are

Uniting Happy Valley In the heart of Happy Valley, something beautiful is taking root. Amidst the hills, college town bustle, and Penn State pride, a new sisterhood of service has quietly emerged, and it's changing lives in the most joyful, grounded way. The Centre County Pearls of PA (CCP) is a

newly launched service group ...

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In case you missed it: What If a Community **Could Run** With Heart? We live in the

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This **FREE** event brings together entrepreneurs, small business leaders, and the broader community in one of State College's most exciting spaces: the **85,000-square-foot Eric J**. Barron Innovation Hub. Business After Hours: Community Networking Event Tuesday, November 18, 2025

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