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Together "WE ARE" Better.



This Thanksgiving, as Happy Valley slows down and friends and family gather, we are reminded how much this community means. And after seeing players lift up their leader last week and hearing them say this week that they would stay if Terry stays, we are reminded that gratitude, connection, and heart are what truly bring us together.



PENN STATE SPORTS
The Closing Argument for Terry Smith

A Personal Appeal for Leadership, Culture, and the Future of Penn State
It wasn't a championship game. In fact, we'd lost four in a row. I had purposely chosen to work instead of going to the game. I was in my office when I finally checked the score in the third quarter. Oh my. We were in a tight game against Indiana. I called my son in San Diego ...

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LIVE HAPPY
Gratitude in Our Blue-White Zone

In our blue-white zone, gratitude is more than a sentiment. It's a way of life. While Happy Valley is celebrated for its scenic beauty and Penn State pride, the true soul of our community shines through in our everyday expressions of thankfulness and the many ways we practice it together. For more than 2,000 Penn State students each year, gratitude becomes tangible ...

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PENN STATE SPORTS
Meet Matt Wolosz, the Guy Behind the "Hire Terry" Signs

Matt Wolosz, the 41-year-old husband, father of two (ages 9 and 7), is the unexpected force behind the "Hire Terry" signs. One more sign, literally and figuratively, pointing to *Why Penn State* and *Why Terry*. You probably saw it: a simple blue and white sign that popped up on national TV at the exact moment the whole Penn State world was watching.

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EVENTS
Hallmark Moments Await: Shop Small, Shop Local, Celebrate Downtown

Downtown State College is alive with excitement, and the holiday spirit fills the air. Lights twinkle spectacularly along Allen Street and beyond, creating Hallmark-style magic you cannot replicate with an app. It's a feeling only those who come can experience. Every purchase is a vote for ...

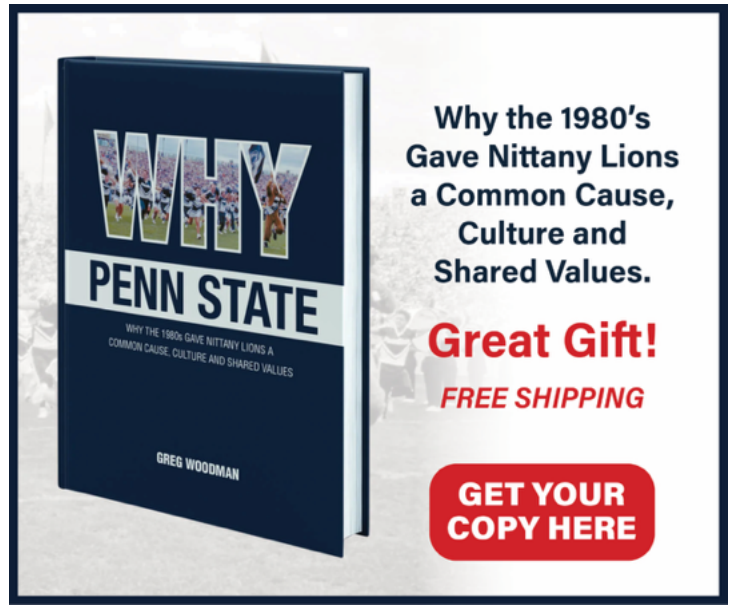
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NEWS
Out with the Old, Up with the New at 321 West Beaver

Within the next two weeks, the old Plasma Center at 321 West Beaver Avenue will come down, clearing the way for the Nittany Residence Club, a 70-unit condominium-hotel that reflects long-term confidence in Happy Valley's future. Nearly half of the units are already sold, a clear sign of strong demand for high-quality lodging and ownership opportunities in the heart of State College.

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In case you missed it: The Audacity of Love

Photo: Penn State Nittany Lion Football

In a cynical era of division and rancor, as unbridled greed hollows out the sport of college football, a bright ray of hope briefly lanced through the layers of dark clouds.

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THE Happy Valley Highlights

Big week ahead at Pine Grove Hall and Flour and Stone starting tonight all the way to News Year's Eve. [Click to see what is happening.](#)

For Thanksgiving fun you can fill in this PENN STATE HEAD COACH HIRING EDITION Workbook. [Download here.](#)

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