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As we head into the final days of the semester, it is good to stop and appreciate the moments that last. Chris's story below captures that with Nick Singleton and Kaytron Allen and their loyalty to each other and their team. And yes, we know we have talked a lot about coaching, but leadership and values matter, and Connect Happy Valley is built on connection. After the stories, enjoy all the great events happening across the Valley this December.



PENN STATE SPORTS
The Duo Who Glued Penn State Together

The sun shone brightly on an excited Beaver Stadium crowd in early September of 2022. It was the start of another football season, and their Nittany Lions were hosting the Ohio Bobcats for the home opener, a typical early-season mismatch, the sort where the visitors collected a paycheck in return for the indignity of being walloped by the home team.

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When Lane Kiffin walked away from Ole Miss for LSU in the middle of a playoff chase, the country finally saw the truth. The old leadership model in college football, the ego-driven, resume-first, mercenary coach, is collapsing. It does not work in the NIL era.

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EVENTS
December in Happy Valley: Your Guide to the Best Events of the Season

As the semester winds down, it's the perfect moment to step outside, connect with friends, and enjoy what's happening around Happy Valley. From live music and holiday traditions to theatre, sports, and New Year's celebrations, December is packed with can't-miss moments that showcase the warmth, creativity, ...

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"Rothrock by UTMB represents a tremendous opportunity to drive new economic activity while showcasing the strength of our outdoor community," said Eric Engelbarts, Executive Director of the Happy Valley Sports & Entertainment Alliance. "Events of this caliber help elevate the overall experience for residents and visitors and reinforce Happy Valley's position as a premier destination. We are proud to welcome athletes who will contribute to the vitality of our region." [Read more.](#)

Interesting Fact: Recent college graduate unemployment is at 9.3%.
This is the third highest U.S. unemployment rate in the past 84 years. The last two times it was higher were the recession of 1982 (10.8%) and the Great Recession in 2009 (9.9%).

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