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PERSON OF THE YEAR

From rough start to highest heights

By Tony Callaio
For Sunday Dispatch

WEST Pittston – It's not often over the last 19 years that a sports figure has been honored by Greater Pittstonians as the Person of the year.

In fact, it's only the second time as Paralympian and two-time bronze medal winner, Stephanie Jallen was named in 2013.

Because of his efforts on the football field, as well as off, Randy Spencer has been named the 2019 Greater Pittston Person of the Year.

"I was very surprised and extremely honored when I got the word of the award," Spencer said. "The award has been given to some outstanding individuals that have done so much in terms of, not just personal accomplishments, but also in terms of how they impacted the Greater Pittston community and to be included in that company is an honor and extremely

humbling."

Spencer has a lifetime of memories on the gridiron from being a fan as a child, to his playing days at Wyoming Area, to coaching at his alma mater, but the last 12 months has seen him go from a very low point of his life to the top of the mountain.

The 2019 football campaign did not start as Coach Spencer had planned heading into his 12th season as the Warriors' head football coach when he had a cardiac event causing him to stay off the field for many weeks.

In addition to a heart issue, Spencer discovered he was diabetic; he had to take care of himself first before heading the squad once again.

The Wyoming Area community came to his aid early September 2019, holding a fundraiser in his name. Many who know Coach Spen-



Wyoming Area head football coach Randy Spencer gives his team last-minute instructions before the championship game against Central Valley at Hershey Park Stadium in December.

Randy Spencer



Greater Pittston Person of the Year Randy Spencer reached the pinnacle of his career as head coach when his Warriors became the PIAA Class 3A state title holders in December 2019.

cer knew he was a humble man and he might not be interested in such an effort.

"Family and friends and community members associated with the program and parents of the players really felt strongly about doing an event," Spencer said of the fundraiser. "Initially I wasn't interested in it and I didn't want anyone to be put out. But, with the overwhelming support from people that wanted to do something, I welcomed it."

It took three months for Spencer to get back on the field after his

recovery, including coaching from the press box for the first few games on the schedule, and with the help of his coaching staff and players; he was back in the saddle with an undefeated team.

He said of that difficult time, "I was engaged and I could do a lot of what I could do, but at the same time, there was so much more responsibility on our staff."

"Our coaches did such a tremendous job; we didn't miss a beat and

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THE MAN FOR WHOM THE AWARD IS NAMED

Joseph Saporito Sr. devoted his life to service

EDITOR'S NOTE: This article first appeared in the March 22, 2009 issue of the Sunday Dispatch.

"Joe's accomplishments in life are those to which many strive but few achieve," reads the plaque in the Luzerne County Law Library in memory of Atty. Joseph Saporito Sr., who passed away in 2001.

"However," the plaque continues, "his greatest and perhaps most memorable quality was his genuine sense of kindness. He was a man of tremendous generosity and honor who never forgot where he came from."

This man of "tremendous generosity and honor" — Atty. Joseph F. Saporito Sr. — was honored posthumously in 2002 as the recipient of the first Sunday Dispatch Greater Pittston Lifetime of Service Award. The presentation took place at the Dispatch Person of the Year reception at St. Anthony's Center in Exeter.

The award was not only presented in Saporito's memory but also named him as recipient.

Since then, recipients have received the Atty. Joseph F. Saporito Sr. Lifetime of Service Award.

The first award was presented by Pittston Mayor Michael Lombardo, its co-sponsor along with the Dispatch. It was accepted by Saporito's widow Yoland "Dolly" Saporito and her sons Carlo Saporito and Atty. Joseph Saporito, Jr.

"My dad's life was nothing but service," said Joseph Jr. at the time. "Although it was not an elected office, he saw his profession as an attorney as one of public service. Our home telephone number was always published in the phone book and he'd take every call, no matter what time it came."

"And there's no way of telling how much legal service he did without charge," added Carlo.

"He was very concerned about the underprivileged. We'll always remember the one client, an elderly Italian woman, who he went to see at her home and communicated with in Italian.

When she asked his fee, he said, "You remind me so much of my mother, how can I charge you?" Actually, I never remember him asking anyone for money."

Both sons said that, to their father, service began with God.

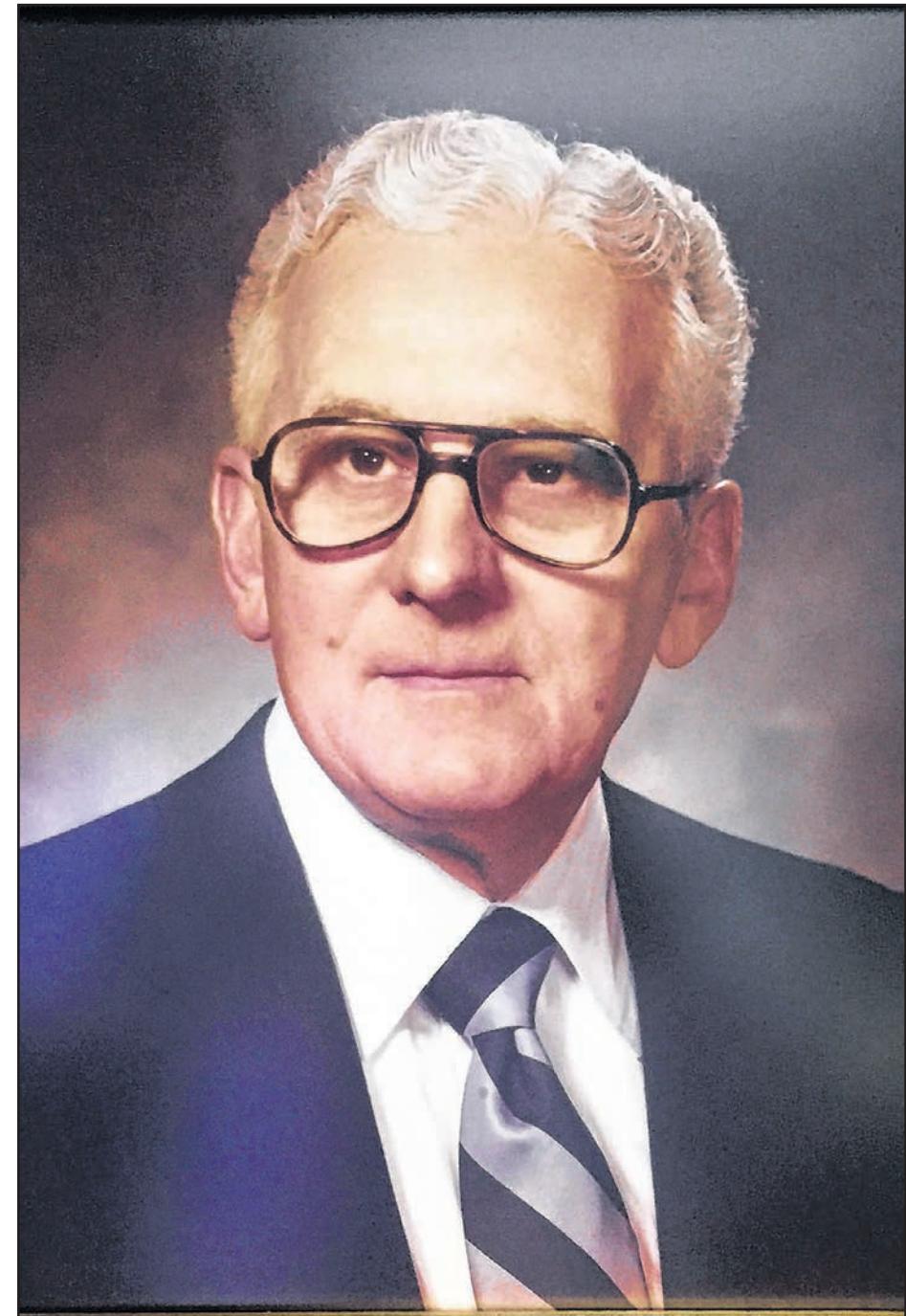
"My dad would always say he felt best when he was walking out of church, after attending Mass," Carlo said. "And both Joe and I have memories of him walking in the hallway at night saying the Rosary. He said it every day and, when he was in the hospital, the Rosary had to be right by his bed."

Saporito continued to serve his clients right up to his death, at the age of 82.

"The day before we went to the hospital," Carlo said, "he called me into our law library. 'You know that case everyone gave up on,' he said. Well, I found an answer to it."

"He never treated me any different than a son," said Atty. Sam Falcone Jr., a partner in the Saporito law firm. "I consider myself extremely fortunate to have had the opportunity, honor and benefit of working with him."

A U.S. Navy officer in World War II and the youngest mayor of Pittston when elected in 1953, Saporito is credited with initiating the first redevelopment of the city he loved so much.



"My father was very modest," Joseph Jr. added. "He always said, 'Don't tell anyone what you have accomplished. What you have accomplished will speak louder than your words.'"

The memory of Atty. Joseph F. Saporito Sr. lives on in the award bearing his name and the spirit of Atty. Joseph F. Saporito Sr.'s lives on in the recipients of the Lifetime of Service Award.

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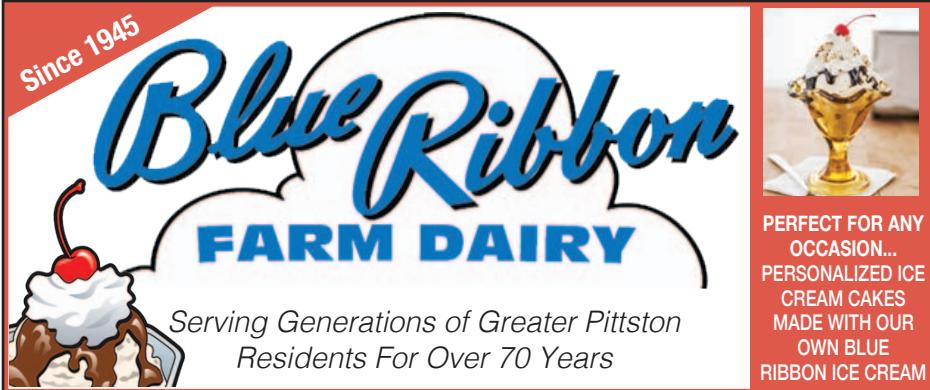
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'SPENCER'

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the kids were well prepared as they had ever been and when I was able to reengage on week four of the season, it was a very solid place to work from," added Spencer. "It was one moment at a time, it's one day at a time from there and what was significant was my feelings didn't change. I've always felt the same way after my procedure as I did before. It was all so humbling."

A whole career of football came down to Dec. 7, 2019 at Hersheypark Stadium.

The Warriors, led by Coach Spencer and his staff, became the 2019 3A football state champions when they defeated Central Valley 21-14 in an epic comeback victory, grabbing the school's only state title in its 53-year history.

"It's surreal, but it's not the fact that you won a game, it's the fact on how historic it is and what it means to the program in terms of validating the program," Spencer said. "I've been a fan of this team since I was 10 years old in the stands when I watched the 1980 team beat Pottsville in what was basically a state championship game. To be able to play in our program

in high school, then to become a coach and have a long-standing coaching career has been rewarding."

In addition to being named the 2019 Greater Pittston Person of the Year, he has been named Grand Marshal of the 2020 West Pittston Cherry Blossom Festival.

Other accolades since the Warrior championship game include: NEPAfootball.com

District II Coach of the Year, Eastern PA 3A Coach of the Year, PIAA 3A Coach of the Year, and on the state level, Pennsylvania Football News Coach of the Year, the Pennsylvania Sports Writers AP 3A Coach of the Year and the 3A PFSEA (state coaches) Coach of the Year.

He also garnered the WNEP-TV Dream Team Coach of the Year.

Coach Spencer feels fortunate in all aspects of his football career being a longstanding coach, but he has also derived great satisfaction in his social service career where he's been supporting families, at-risk youth, and individuals with disabilities.

"It's always been a big part of my life in terms with working with people and supporting people," Spencer said.



Coach Randy Spencer, seated center, along with Wyoming Area coaching staff was honored at Agolino's Restaurant after his team captured the PIAA Class 3A state title. Seated, left to right: Jason Speece, Spencer, Joe Pizano. Standing: Jim Pizano, Michael Fanti, Tom Loftus, Eric Speece.

Coach Spencer loves the game of football, but he feels he has a great support system with his significant other for 12 years, Tracy Roche.

"I couldn't love her more," Spencer said. "She's been my rock through the whole thing (2019 cardiac event), and she was basically Dr. Tracey. She is the bedrock of my life and Paris, my four-legged daughter; she's my child that doesn't go home every day. I have lots of kids but they go home to their families every day."

"I also want to thank my mother, Bonnie Spencer, for being a tremendous role model in my life."



Wyoming Area head coach Randy Spencer, left, gives instructions during a time out against Dallas.

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LIFETIME OF SERVICE

Living a life of service. Kathy Healey epitomizes notion of giving back.

By Geri Gibbons
For Sunday Dispatch

PITTSTON - When Pittston Area girls basketball coach Kathy Healey was informed she was the recipient of the 2019 Sunday Dispatch Joseph F. Saporito Lifetime of Service Award, she immediately thought of her mother, Rosaleen, who passed away in 2006.

"She was the person that taught me to give back," Healey said. "From the beginning."

And Healey has given back throughout her life, whether that means formally organizing efforts to assist needy people or simply buying a cup of hot chocolate for someone on a cold day.

Healey is honored to be among past recipients of the award, including Joseph F. Saporito himself, whom she said had a heart for the community, helping simply because it was the right thing to do and not for any accolades.

The Sunday Dispatch first presented the award for 2001 when Saporito's widow Yolanda "Dolly" Saporito, since deceased, and sons, Carlo and Atty. Joseph Jr., accepted the award on Saporito's behalf. The award is named and presented annually in Saporito's memory.

Nominees for the award must have dedicated a lifetime of service with the intention of making a difference in the Greater Pittston area. The editorial staff of the Sunday Dispatch accepts nominations from the community before making a final decision.

From the beginning

Healey grew up in Pittston with seven brothers and sisters.

Although her family might not have had a lot of money, she said, the children never knew it.

Healey, who graduated from Seton Catholic, with a Bachelor's degree from Maywood and a Master's degree from Wilkes University, remembers not having a lot of things, but always having more than enough food on the table — enough for friends.

She remembers her mother turning down going for ice cream with her friends so she could buy a gallon ice cream for her children and their friends.

A friend of her mother's was displaced during the Agnes Flood in 1972 and her mother invited her to stay with the Healey family.



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Pittston Area girls basketball head coach Kathy Healey watches her players practice.

"There was three adults, eight children, five bedrooms and one bathroom," Healey said. "We made it work."

Healey learned well the lessons learned as a child in her family home watching her mother.

"Giving back," she said. "That's what you do. Right from the beginning."

Healey's first job coaching girls basketball was at St. Mary's in Avoca in 1978. In 1982, she began 20 years of coaching at her alma mater, Seton Catholic.

It was there she established a tradition of giving among her players, coaches and, eventually, other teams.

A mail carrier at the time, Healey became aware of the needs of families at the McCauley House in Scranton.

Just before Christmas each year, her players gathered on a weekend afternoon to go shopping for a family at the facility.

"We'd ask for a family that had four or five children," Healey said.

The players and coaches would return to the school and wrap the presents while drinking hot chocolate and enjoying snacks.

"We'd make a day of it," she said.

Eventually, the girls basketball team was joined

in its holiday efforts by the boys basketball team and the baseball team..

"No one ever knew that we did it," Healey said. "We got a thank you note from McCauley House, but even the family didn't know who bought the presents."

Players were also the recipients of Healey's kindness while she was coaching at Seton.

When the time came to buy sneakers, parents of players were required to send in a check in an envelope with their child's name on it.

Some of the parents, however, didn't have money for sneakers.

So, Healey spoke with those parents and they sent in envelopes with their child's name on it — without a check inside.

Healey, her family and friends donated money to buy the sneakers.

Healey again repeated her mantra, "That's just what you do."

Continuing a mission

Healey moved on to coaching girls basketball at Wyoming Area in 2003 and, in 2009, landed her current position as head girls basketball coach at Pittston Area.

Of course, she brought along her spirit of com-



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For many years, following donations from community members, her team would give cash gifts to people shopping at Kmart.

The effort often impacted her players as much as it did recipients.

Healey remembers one time when players found a woman who had just spent all her money on funeral expenses for her husband.

The woman didn't have enough money to pick up her layaway

items.

When players were able to give the woman money to pick up her Christmas gifts, the woman was overwhelmed, but so were the players.

"They came back crying and then the coaches were crying," Healey said.

Another time, players only had \$15 left and were at a loss as to what to do with the money.

Healey looked over at three people waiting for the bus.

"I told them, give

each of those people \$5," Healey said.

At first, the players were reluctant to give such a small amount, but they did as Healey said.

"All three got on the bus smiling," Healey said. "They were talking to the girls. We made their day."

Two years ago, when Kmart closed, Healey had to come up with a new plan to help people during the Christmas season.

When Anthony Marranca started the Greater Pittston Santa Squad effort during his annual Turkey Bowl football game, Healey had her answer.

The first year, Mar-

anca didn't know the girls were coming, with Healey simply telling him she was going to "bring a toy."

But Healey's team went shopping and bought nearly 50 toys.

On the day of the game, the team members surprised Marranca, bursting onto the field with the gifts.

"It's something players still remember," Healey said.

Last year, players again brought toys to the game in an effort that is now a new tradition.

Midge's Mission
Healey's efforts are by no means limited to the holiday season. Instead, she works to

improve the lives of others daily.

Midge's Mission provides opportunity for her and her good friend Ann Marie Webb to put personal care items in the hands of those who need them.

Webb's mother Midge had always collected hotel-sized bottles of shampoo and other supplies from her friends and family who collected them as they traveled.

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establishing Midge's Mission which makes personal care items available to those in need, including students at Pittston Area and Hanover Area where Healey has taught since 2005.

One day, a young man came into Healey's office and asked for a toothbrush. Then, he asked for two toothbrushes.

Healey said, "Absolutely," but inquired as to why he was taking two.

"It's my birthday and this is only present that I'll get today, Miss Healey," the young man admitted.

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Tony Marranca's idea to help the West Pittston Salvation Army's toy drive helped him earn the 2018 Greater Pittston Person of the Year.

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Paraolympian
Stephanie Jallen
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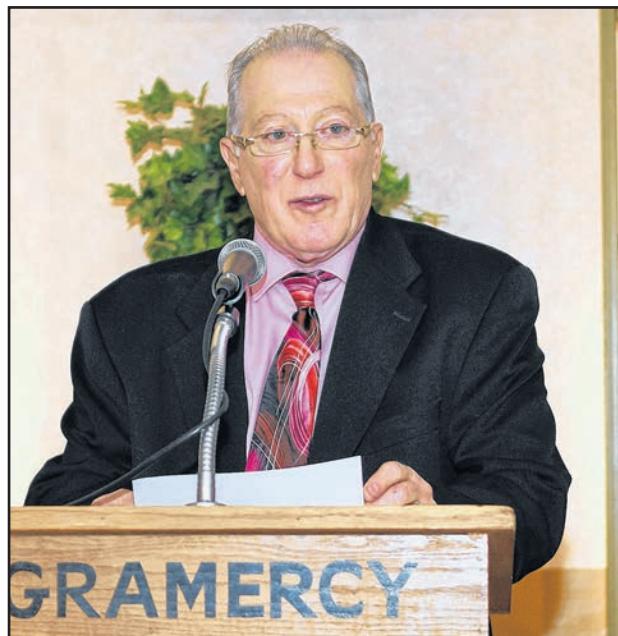
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- 2007 – Monsignor John J. Bendik
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The first Sunday Dispatch Lifetime of Service Award was presented to him posthumously and accepted by his widow, Yolland "Dolly" Saporito, who has since passed away, and his sons, Carlo Saporito and Atty. Joseph Saporito, Jr. All subsequent Lifetime of Service Awards bear Atty. Saporito Sr.'s name.



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Dr. Eugene DeMinico, the 2018 recipient of the Joseph F. Saporito Lifetime of Service Award, delivers his acceptance speech last year.



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Mary Ann Tigue was the 2017 recipient of the Joseph F. Saporito, Sr. Lifetime of Service Award. Pictured is Tigue with Carlo Saporito, Jr., and his brother Judge Joseph F. Saporito, Jr.

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- 2003 – Charles "Cugsy" Adonizio
- 2004 – Betty Miller
- 2005 – Warren Pollard
- 2006 – Janet Delaney
- 2007 – Joseph Tavaglione
- 2008 – James Steer
- 2009 – Maria Capolarella-Montante
- 2010 – Ann and Allan Rose
- 2011 – Fred DeSanto
- 2012 – Dr. Lewis Druffner
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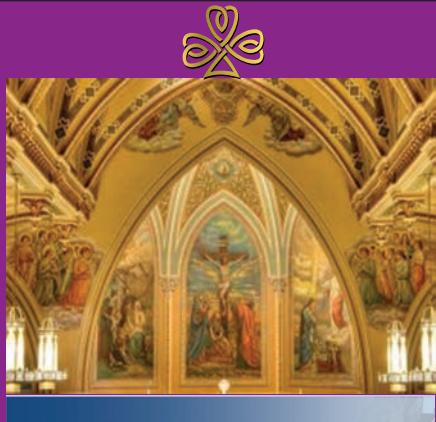
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also provides those products to veterans and others who don't have enough money to meet their basic needs."

Using athletics as a tool

Healey describes herself as an extremely competitive person.

But she has always held that coaching basketball goes far beyond simply teaching her players how to score the most points and win games.

Instead, she said, it's an opportunity to show players how to

live their lives generously and decently.

Healey provided an example of that in 2017 when she played Ellie Bartoli during an all-star game.

Bartoli, who has Down syndrome, spent every day of the season with the team, serving as team manager.

Healey put Bartoli in the game during the last three minutes and she scored 10 points.

"The girl can shoot," the coach said.

Bartoli's family, friends, fans and the media were over-

whelmed with her opportunity to play.

Many photos of the day show Healey where she usually is — in the background, smiling.

As a softball coach at Hanover, Healey has used an athletic field to encourage and support those with special needs.

Each year, Healey hosts a softball game between her players and students in the life skills class at Hanover Area.

She makes a day out of the special game, with music and food and a visit from Champ, mascot for the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre

RailRiders.

It is the one game of the year the team plans to lose, she said, but everyone has a great time.

"All throughout the year, the life skills students stop me in the hall and say, 'This year we're going to win again,'" she said.

Healey wants to instill in her players much more than athletic skills. She wants to help prepare them for life.

"There's life beyond baseball," she said.

Ongoing effort
Healey's receipt of the lifetime award reflects on much more than her formalized ef-

orts to help others.

She wakes up in the morning thinking about others and carries that thought with her throughout the day.

Often while getting her first cup of coffee of the day, she "pays it forward" and buys one for someone else who looks like they may need a hand up.

When the weather gets cold, she often delivers cups of hot chocolate to postal workers, having been one herself for 19 years.

She often buys dinner for others anonymously, sometimes because they don't

have enough money and sometimes because they might need to be cheered up.

At Christmas time, she rents a bus and takes friends and family on a tour of Christmas lights in the Greater Pittston area, complete with hot chocolate and Christmas cookies.

The important thing, she said, is to serve without focusing on getting anything back.

Healey serves in the spirit of her mother, because, she said, "That's just what you do."

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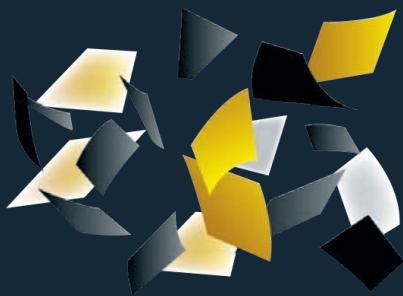
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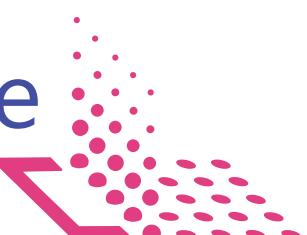
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**CONGRATULATIONS TO COACH RANDY SPENCER
GREATER PITTSSTON PERSON OF THE YEAR**

By John Erzar
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EDITOR'S NOTE: This story originally appeared in the Dec. 8, 2019, edition of the Sunday Dispatch.

HERSHEY — Down 14 points and down to the final quarter of the season.

A quarterback with two aching knees from a vicious hit.

A defense that couldn't corral the opposition's star running back with any consistency.

It all changed in a flash and a dash Saturday afternoon.

Senior receiver Riley Rusyn's 80-yard touchdown catch on a pass not intended for him provided the ignition for Wyoming Area's 21-14 comeback victory against Central Valley in the PIAA Class 3A state championship game at Hersheypark Stadium.

The championship was the first team state title in school history even though Wyoming Area (14-1) appeared headed for defeat.

Then came the play that changed everything.

Faced with a third-and-8 on the second play of the fourth quarter, Wyoming Area quarterback Dominic DeLuca stepped up to avoid two pass rushers and then fired 20 yards down the center of the field to tight end Derek Ambrosino.

Rusyn raced in front of Ambrosino, made the catch on the run and then sped down the right sideline for a touchdown.

"Dom was getting pressured so I had to roll back to him," said Rusyn, who had just six receptions entering the game but most were for long yardage. "I guess he was throwing the ball to Derek, but I just under-

cut it."

The outcome was the same as a successful hook-and-lateral play without the initial catch and pitch. It caught Central Valley's secondary flatfooted as three defenders converged on Ambrosino. Another Central Valley defensive back made a valiant effort to sprint across the field to tackle Rusyn, who was unsure he was going to make it to the end zone.

"Not until I turned my head and realized no one was there," Rusyn said. "But when I hit about the 15, I started to gas out."

Rusyn had just enough fuel to fight off a tackle attempt at the 2-yard line.

DeLuca had enough to finish the game, although things looked bleak near the midway point of the second quarter. DeLuca took a nasty hit to his right kneecap on a running play and laid on the field in pain.

"I got drilled right in the kneecap," DeLuca said. "I tweaked both knees, but it was the right knee that was the one."

DeLuca limped through the remainder of the game, but able to throw one more TD passes and run for the eventually game-winner.

After Rusyn's TD, Wyoming Area tackled Central Valley running back Jaylen Guy a yard short on a fourth-and-2 play from the Wyoming Area 48-yard line. It was a rare stop of Guy, who finished with 164 yards on 30 carries.

Five plays later, DeLuca connected with receiver Brian Williams to place the ball at the Central Valley 8-yard line. Three plays netted just 4 yards and Wyoming Area faced a fourth-



Charlie Banashefski raises the PIAA Class 3A state championship trophy after Wyoming Area scored three TDs in the fourth quarter to defeat Central Valley 21-14 at Hershey Park Stadium Saturday afternoon.

and-goal.

DeLuca rolled right while Ambrosino sneaked off the line to the left side of the end zone. Ambrosino's catch and Josh Cumbo's extra point tied the score 14-14 at 4:20 of the fourth quarter.

"That was huge. That was the game. If we didn't get that, our season is over," Ambrosino said. "I faked like I was blocking the middle linebacker and then I slipped off and caught it in the corner of the end zone."

Central Valley responded by moving to midfield once again, but Wyoming Area defensive end Caleb Graham batted down a third-down pass to force a punt. The punt got caught up in a relentless end-to-end wind and netted just 8 yards. An unsportsmanlike conduct penalty gave Wyoming Area the ball at the Central Valley 42 with 1:43 to play.

After DeLuca ran for 2 yards on first down, he connected with Williams for a 39-yard gain on second down to move to the Central Valley 1. He plowed in from there with the eventual winning TD with 41 seconds left.

Wyoming Area brought a state title back to the Wyoming Valley Conference for the first time since Berwick won the Class 3A championship in 1997. District 2 had lost seven consecutive

left.

Then it was the Wyoming Area defense's turn to come up big as Central Valley moved to its 46-yard line with under 20 seconds left. But Graham knocked down a pass on third-and-inches.

On fourth down, Central Valley receiver Jawon Hall took a step behind the line of scrimmage and caught a short pass. Wyoming Area freshman linebacker Drew Mruk, playing the spot his older brother Corey manned until a season-ending injury, nailed Hall before he could take a step. Cornerback Leo Haros applied the final hit to drive Hall out of bounds.

Game over ... except for a kneel down.

"I not so sure we made enough plays," said Central Valley coach Mark Lyons, whose District 7 championship team finished 13-2. "They made the plays when they counted. In a game like this, those plays get magnified."

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Team statistics CV WA
First downs 13 11

Rushes- yards 41-154 32-58
Passing yards 93 209
Total yards 247 267
Passing 8-16-1 11-16-1
Sacked-yards lost 3-20 3-18

Punts-avg. 4-23.5 4-25
Fumbles-lost 2-0 3-0
Penalties- yards 7-62 7-65

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING — Central Valley, Ameer Dudley 7-(minus-29), Guy 30-164, Myles Walker 2-10, S.Hall 2-9. Wyoming Area, Darren Rodney 12-34, DeLuca 17-19, Brian Williams 0-4, Leo Haros 2-2, team 1-(minus-1).

PASSING — Central Valley, Dudley 8-16-1-93. Wyoming Area, DeLuca 11-15-0-209, Jake Williams 0-1-1-0.

RECEIVING — Central Valley, Jawon Hall 4-34, Guy 2-23, Walker 2-36. Wyoming Area, B.Williams 3-70, Ambrosino 4-33, Haros 1-0, Rusyn 3-106.

INTERCEPTIONS — Central Valley, Mike Barbuto 1-0. Wyoming Area, DeLuca 1-0.

MISSED FGs — none.

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