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Robots take center stage during tournament at John Jay High School



The FIRST (For Inspiration & Recognition of Science & Technology) Tech Challenge (FTC) Robotics Tournament was held at John Jay High School on February 18.

-Courtesy photo

By Kristine Coulter

Students from John Jay High School, in the Wappingers Central School District, participated in the FIRST (For Inspiration & Recognition of Science & Technology) Tech Challenge (FTC) Robotics Tournament. The event took place for eight hours on February 18. It was free and open to the public.

“There are a total of 28 schools partici-

pating, two of them are from the Host School, John Jay Senior High School,” said James Amodio, who is the tournament director for the John Jay High School Qualifying FTC Robotics Tournament, via email.

“Students range from schools all over the Excelsior Region. We have students coming in from Syracuse to Port Chester,” said Amodio.

According to the website, <https://sites.google.com/wcsdny.org/jjhs-ftc-tournament>, “Under strict rules and limited time and resources, teams of high school students are challenged to build industrial-size robots to play a difficult field game in alliance with other teams, while also fundraising to meet their goals, designing a team “brand,” and advancing

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Serino kicks off campaign for County Executive



Sue Serino

Sue Serino (R,C-Hyde Park) officially announced her campaign for Dutchess County Executive in a kick-off celebration at the Eveready Diner in her hometown of Hyde Park on Wednesday, Feb. 15. Serino is a four-term New York State Senator, former Dutchess County Legislator and longtime local small business owner.

Serino is building her campaign on the foundation of listening, caring and leading. As County Executive, these would be the guiding principles she would put to use in helping Dutchess County continue to grow and prosper.

“I’m so excited to announce that I’m running for Dutchess County Executive,” said Serino. “I feel incredibly fortunate to have lived and worked in our county for most of my life and serving as county executive is another way to give back to the people and communities that have given me and my family so much.

“Serving our communities and helping to improve the lives of others is my passion,” she continued. “Whether it was operating my own business, serving in the county legislature or the four terms I spent as State Senator, working directly with, and on behalf of, our hard-working neighbors has been incredibly rewarding.

“With the support of Dutchess County residents, we’ve made real strides in making home ownership more affordable and developing economic growth and development,” said Serino. “I was proud to partner with our last elected county executive, Marc Molinaro, and he’s put our county in great shape for the future.

“As Dutchess County Executive, I’ll build on that foundation and take actions to enhance our community even more,” she added. “That means bolstering our job training services, so our businesses can fill vacancies and residents seeking work can find a meaningful good-paying career. And it means making sure families have

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101-year-old WWII veteran Giordano honored at ceremony

By Kristine Coulter

U.S. veteran Carmine “Toot” Giordano was honored during a recent ceremony and celebration at the Beacon Elks Lodge, off Wolcott Ave., in Beacon. Giordano is believed to be the last surviving World War II veteran from Beacon, and now lives in Fishkill. He is 101 years old.

Giordano served in the U.S. Army Air Corps / U.S. Army Air Forces (now known as the U.S. Air Force).

“I was underweight [when I tried] to enlist,” Giordano explained before the event that celebrated him took place. He was drafted when he was 21 years old.

“I knew I was going to be drafted. I knew I was going to have to go and accepted it,” Giordano recalled.

Virgil Capollari, Chair of Dutchess County and Fishkill Veterans committees, said, “I think this is very important that we take the time to honor such a great person who still connects us to the greatest wartime in history. I am very humbled, and we are truly blessed.”

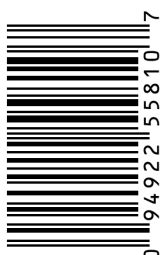
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Local area World War II veteran Carmine “Toot” Giordano, sitting, was recently honored at the Beacon Elks Lodge in Beacon. The Beacon Historical Society, Beacon Elks, and local veterans organizations recognized Giordano as the last-known surviving World War II veteran in the Beacon area. Pictured with Giordano are veteran Harold Delamater, Beacon Historical Society President Denise Doring VanBuren and Carl Oken with the Beacon Elks Lodge.

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