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Suit against Southport going to trial

Judge sees ‘unexplained, differential treatment’ of Chamberlain Acres

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A lawsuit filed against the Town of Southport by a popular florist and garden center over rejection of its application for expansion is heading to trial in

September after a judge denied the town's motion for summary judgment. Chamberlain Acres at 824 Broadway wanted to build a 60-by-80 pole barn on its property to expand and improve its offerings to the public. After town officials initially expressed support for the project, owners

Charles Todd and Glenn Miller secured a \$150,000 business loan from Chemung Canal Trust Co. Then the town unexpectedly denied the application for a building permit, and things got ugly. Todd and Miller believe their plan was rejected because they are both gay men. Town officials say the men failed to provide sufficient information for review.

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Charles Todd, left, and Glenn Miller are co-owners of Chamberlain Acres, which has sued the Town of Southport. JEFF MURRAY/STAR-GAZETTE

World War II veterans honored at ceremony



U.S. Navy veteran Harry Hoyt, 100, of Wellsburg, who served in the Pacific Theater during World War II, salutes after placing a wreath in honor of other World War II veterans during a ceremony on Aug. 14 at Woodlawn National Cemetery in Elmira. JEFF MURRAY/STAR-GAZETTE

Woodlawn National Cemetery lays wreaths in “Spirit of ’45”

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Eight decades ago, Harry Hoyt, of Wellsburg, was serving in the U.S. Navy aboard the troop transport U.S.S. Marathon in the Pacific Theater when word came that World War II was finally over. Hoyt, 100, was an honored guest

when Woodlawn National Cemetery in Elmira held a “Spirit of ’45” wreath-laying ceremony on Aug. 14 to mark the 80th anniversary of President Harry Truman's announcement of Japan's surrender, officially ending the war. Hoyt placed a wreath in honor of World War II veterans buried at the cemetery, then spoke about the importance of remembering the sacri-

fice of so many. “I’m glad I’m here. A lot didn’t make it,” said Hoyt, as he gestured toward the hundreds of grave markers in the cemetery. “I’m one of the fortunate ones. This is what this country is all about.” About 60%-65% of the graves at

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NY sues Zelle parent company

AG alleges it left users open to \$1B in fraud

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New York Attorney General Letitia James has sued the operators of the Zelle payment app, alleging they failed to protect users against a tide of fraud by scammers who managed to steal a total of more than \$1 billion. The new case in state court in Manhattan effectively rekindles a federal agency's abandoned effort to go after Zelle on behalf of alleged scam victims. That agency — the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau — filed a federal lawsuit against Zelle's operators and several major banks in December, but then abruptly dropped the case in March after the Trump administration took over. “No one should be left to fend for themselves after falling victim to a scam,” said James in a statement announcing the case on Aug. 13. “I look forward to getting justice for the New Yorkers who suffered because of Zelle's security failures.”

Why is New York suing Zelle parent company?

James' office is suing Early Warning Services, the bank-owned company that raced to set up Zelle in 2016 to compete with successful platforms like Venmo and PayPal. The lawsuit is seeking an unspecified amount in restitution and damages on behalf of New

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