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World War II vets honored at Woodlawn National ceremony

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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 sacrifice 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

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CHAMBERLAIN ACRES



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

Lawsuit against Southport going to trial

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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 ex-

pressed 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.

A preliminary court victory

Todd and Miller filed a lawsuit in state Supreme Court in Chemung County, and the town filed a motion for summary judgment, meaning the court can rule in their favor without a trial because the facts in the case clearly support the town's position.

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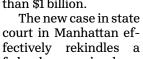
NY sues Zelle parent company

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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.



s fectively rekindles a federal agency's aban-

doned effort to go after Zelle on behalf of alleged scam victims. That agency — the Consumer Financial Protection

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Mooney's in Johnson City has closed

Sunshyne Lynch

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Mooney's Sports Bar & Grill on Reynolds Road in Johnson City has closed.

As of Aug. 14, a handwritten "closed" sign is posted on the door of the restaurant and a message on the restaurant's voicemail says the Johnson City Mooney's is "permanently closed."

The closure comes weeks after the restaurant was issued two critical and

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Mooney's Sports Bar & Grill, located at 214 Reynolds Road in Johnson City, is permanently closed as of Aug. 14. SUNSHYNE LYNCH/PRESS & SUN-BULLETIN



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