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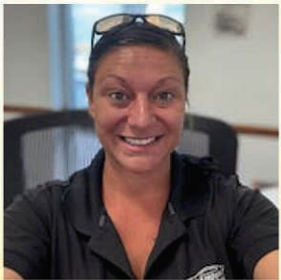
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82-YEAR WAIT TO END

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This photo on Find A Grave by Armantia shows a headstone at Zion Hill Baptist Church Cemetery the family put in place several years ago for Cpl. Colen Maxwell Hoyle, who went missing during World War II.

Missing World War II soldier from Valdese to finally be laid to rest

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It's been 82 years since he went missing in a river in France, but now his family will finally get to lay him to rest beside his parents, who always held hope that their son would come home.

Cpl. Colen Maxwell Hoyle, who was 22 years old when he went missing and presumably died during a battle in World War II, will be laid to rest in Zion Hill Baptist Church Cemetery on Old 18 South in Burke County.

He will be buried beside his father. As kismet would have it, it was the only plot

in the graveyard area where his parents are buried, said Linda McIntosh, Hoyle's niece. Her mother was Colen Hoyle's sister.

He still has a surviving brother, Bill Hoyle, who is in his 90s and lives in South Carolina, McIntosh said. In addition to Bill, he had three sisters, Aileen Hoyle Deal, Zora Lee Hoyle Johnson and Eula Mae Hoyle Crowder, who are all deceased.

McIntosh said Colen's parents, Gordon Maxwell Hoyle and Branch Brady Young Hoyle, looked for their son until they died.

"They just knew that he would come back," McIntosh said.

Hoyle was born July 27, 1922, and grew up in Valdese and graduated from Valdese High School, McIntosh said. When he went missing, he was married and expecting a child. The couple lived on Summit Street in Morganton, according to news stories at the time.

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Hoyle was a member of the Valdese Church of God. And at that time, they didn't believe in killing, so he was the radio equipment carrier, McIntosh said.

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MIMOSA HILLS SHOPPING CENTER

Morganton shopping center to hit auction block

Bidding starts at \$1.75 million Monday

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For those who have a couple of million dollars lying about, a Morganton shopping center that was

flooded during Hurricane Helene will go up for auction next week.

Mimosa Hills Shopping Center, located at 903-915 W. Union St., Morganton, will go on the auction block Monday through Wednesday, according to a listing with Marcus & Millichap.

The nearly 100,000-

square-foot shopping center is home to Kimbrell's Furniture, Ollie's, Planet Fitness, Dollar General and Jackson Hewlett and sits on 9.59 acres, according to the county land records. The listing says 94% of the shopping center is leased.

The shopping center was built

in 1968, remodeled in 1973, and went through renovations after Hurricane Helene flooded it in September 2024.

The shopping center has a taxable value of \$4,359,705, according to Burke County property records.

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