



Tonkin, who called this “a long-term project coming together” said the program development hit some bumps in the road due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The program will start with children who have been victims of sexual assault.

“We’re finally at a point where they’re making use of the facility to serve abused and neglected children, to assist families and develop a better Pike County,” Tonkin said.

### **New comfort dog**

Tonkin also unveiled another “long-term project” when he introduced Violet, an American Kennel Club-registered black Labrador the department is working with to train as a comfort dog at the Children’s Advocacy Center.

Tonkin said Violet is about 5 months old and will be ready to engage with children when she’s about 2 years old. She still needs to have socialization, obedience training and comfort dog training.

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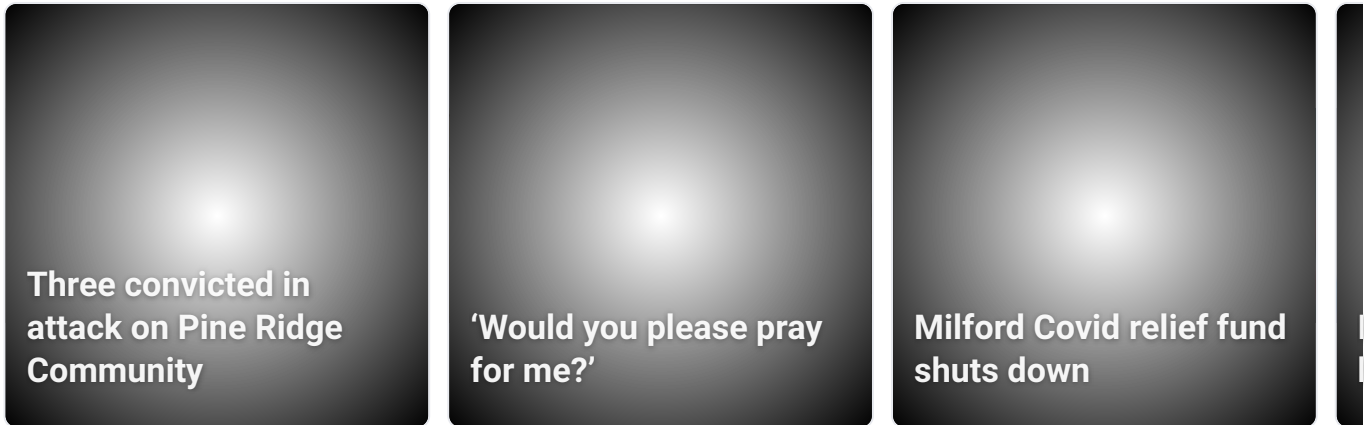
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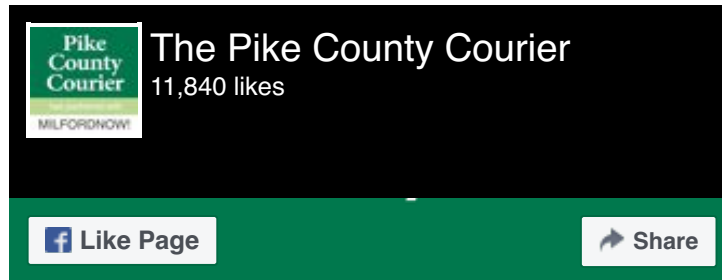
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