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Maggie's big adventure

By Laura Bennett-Kimble,
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When Triangle News Leader publisher Ann Yager heard knocking at her door last Wednesday night, she didn't expect to end up with two police deputies, several neighbors and an animal control officer in her yard, but that's what soon happened.

It all started when neighbor Sarah Bate's dog, Maggie, decided to go on a walkabout.

The 4-1/2-year-old "goldendoodle" has done this before, but this was her biggest adventure yet, according to Bate.

In a recap of the evening Bate emailed to Triangle News Leader, she wrote that around 6 p.m., she let Maggie and her other dog into her fenced back yard "to do their business and run off the 'Zoomies.'"

The dogs picked up a scent and followed their noses to the fence, where "Maggie looked at me and then climbed the five-foot fence into my neighbor's yard. I immediately grabbed the leash and ran outside to my neighbors to grab her."

Maggie was having nothing to do with that, however.



Lake County Deputy Sheriffs Steven Melendez and Daniel Roman, and Animal Enforcement Officer Holly Scott emerge from the gloom with Maggie the goldendoodle as her owner, Sarah Bate, heads toward her. Video screen capture courtesy Randi Rutledge.



Maggie and Bate at a more tranquil moment. Photo courtesy Sarah Bate

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Reaccreditation process to begin

Aug. 23, a team of assessors from the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation will arrive in Tavares to examine all aspects of the Tavares Police Department's policies and procedures, including management, operations and support services.

To receive accredited status, the police department must comply with numerous standards critical to life, health, safety issues and best practices, according to the police department.

As part of the assessment, agency members and the public are invited to offer comments to the assessment team. A copy of the standards manual is available on the CFA website at www.flaccreditation.org under the standards tab.

Tavares Police Department accreditation program manager Lt. Karl Grogan said the assessment team is

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School Board Candidate Forum

Interested in learning more about candidates for the Lake County School Board?

The League of Women Voters of the Villages/Tri-County, Florida will host a forum featuring candidates for Lake County School Board Districts 2 and 5. It will be held Aug. 2 at 6 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Lake County, 1235 Mt. Homer Road in Eustis.

Masks are required.

For more information, contact Mary Kay Rosinski, co-president of the League of Women Voters, at mkncceta@yahoo.com.



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