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Mable Tate retired from Extension on April 4, 2008, and started her new job in a new city three days later.

Tate had been an Extension secretary in Desha County for 31 years and is now living in Texarkana – on the Arkansas side and near her daughter and two of her seven grandchildren. Tate was recently promoted to executive assistant at Opportunities Inc., an organization that supports children and adults with developmental delays.

Tate loves her new job, and has only positive things to say about Extension. Well, except the parts that involved bugs.

“I’m afraid of every bug you can imagine,” she said. “And bugs

got brought in a lot!”

Tate said someone was always plopping down a cup or plastic bag on her desk. Some of the bugs were still wiggling, but none ever escaped on her watch.

“I would have left the building!” she said.

As part of her job at Extension, Tate also took boxes of soil samples to the post office on a regular basis.

“One week I had to mail so many that the guy at the post office asked me, ‘Are you digging a grave or what?’” Tate said.

Tate misses the folks she worked with at Extension, but she’s



Mable Tate

embracing her new life and job. She loves that at Opportunities, Inc., she can help make a huge impact on the lives of kids, especially.

When she has a little extra time, Tate enjoys reading, sewing and keeping her grandkids.

To reconnect with Mable Tate, contact her at (870) 377-0453, 2010 E. 42nd Street, Texarkana, Ark. 71854, tate.mable@gmail.com.

– Shannon Magsam

Leap of Faith Led to 40-Year Career for Dot Temple

Dot Temple had a broken arm when she first applied for a Secretary I position at the Cooperative Extension Service state office in 1972, so she couldn't take the typing test.

Jeannette Pollard hired her anyway.

Temple said that leap of faith changed the course of her personal history, all for the better. "I am who I am because of who I worked for for 40 years," she said. "It was the perfect job for me."

She went on to help write a grant that started the LeadAR program in 1983.

Temple retired in January 2012, as the LeadAR program coordinator. She put her heart and soul into the program, traveling all across Arkansas and nearly every continent in the world with the various classes over the years. Over 400 have graduated from the program all over the state and only five counties have not had a leader represented. Temple still wants to work on making that happen.

"I can't imagine anyone being more passionate about their job than I was from the very start," Temple said.

In her zeal to support each class, she put her body to the



Dot Temple

test and it told her "No ma'am" when she was traveling with Class 14 in Turkey. She nearly didn't make it home and was hospitalized within two days of arriving back in Arkansas. Temple's doctors told her she needed to retire. Her colleagues, current and past LeadAR graduates, 200 in all, attended her retirement party.

She has been focused on recovery since then, although she still does some fundraising for LeadAR and is a member of the Arkansas Association of LeadAR Alumni. Temple spends time going to her doctors and taking her brother-in-law to his doctor

(they are each other's caregivers since Temple's sister passed away), learning to quilt and, most recently, making Christmas cookies (plus jellies and preserves) with her husband of 38 years, Phillip. He will retire next year, and their united vision is to go back to Turkey together.

Temple can often be found sitting in her special "serenity garden" with her Great Pyrenees dog, Jackson. Temple's husband built the sanctuary after her sister died – to help ease her through the grief.

Temple told her friend, Amy, that she planned to sit there a lot when she retired. Two years later, it's her favorite spot.

She has time to contemplate the impact of LeadAR not only on the state of Arkansas and beyond but even in her own family. Temple's 25-year-old daughter, Jenny, who grew up surrounded by all things LeadAR, has plans to apply for the program at the next opportunity.

To reconnect with Dot Temple, contact her at 120 Almond Cove, Sherwood, Ark. 72120-9350, (501) 835-0375.

– Shannon Magsam

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Rosa Davis, Retired Office Supervisor, Dies

Rosa Lee Hayes Davis, 71, of Piggott passed away Dec. 11 at the NEA Baptist Medical Center in Jonesboro.

She began work at Extension in 1968 as Extension secretary in Clay County – Piggott and retired from Clay County in 2002 as administrative office supervisor.

Survivors include her husband, Billie Wayne Davis; four children: Dennis Davis, Lisa Mikel, Julie Banning and Bradley Dunlap; eight grandchildren; five great-grandchildren and two brothers: Harold Dunlap and Gary Dunlap.

Funeral services were held Dec. 14 at Emmanuel Baptist Church in Piggott with burial in New Hope Cemetery in Pollard.

Memorial donations may be made to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, Piggott BRAD Senior Citizens, Clay County 4-H, Piggott Community Center or the Piggott Public Library. – *Laura Goforth*

From the Editorial Board

We hope you have all stayed safe, warm and dry during the recent freezing rain and record cold temperatures.

The winter months are the peak season for the flu. The best way to avoid being infected is to get a flu vaccination.

The CDC recommends that those over 50 years of age get the flu vaccine yearly. If you have not had yours this winter, it's not too late to get it at your doctor's office or drugstore and possibly avoid getting sick.

Stay warm, stay well and have a happy 2014.

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