



Chamber, Alliance in new office

Shawnie Carrier, executive director of the Arkadelphia Regional Economic Development Alliance, left, and Connie Nelson, executive director of the Arkadelphia Area Chamber of Commerce, chat with Southern Bancorp employees Carrie Price, third from left, and Carrie Roberson, far right, during an Open House Thursday. The Alliance and Chamber will begin business in their new office Jan. 4 at Twin Oaks Plaza on Pine Street. The Alliance has been housed in Hickingbotham Hall on the campus of Ouachita Baptist University, and the Chamber has been housed in Town Hall. Arkadelphia City Manager Jimmy Bolt announced in a City Board meeting Thursday that Carrier is scheduled to speak to directors about the county's 1/2 cent economic development sales tax and how the money is being used. Bolt scheduled the presentation, which will be heard Thursday, Jan. 21, after Vice Mayor Ann Sanders questioned how the tax dollars are spent.

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