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# Morgantown Event Center opens



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**Along with the 2010 Morgantown Chamber Business Expo**, the Morgantown Event Center hosted an open house and reception for the public, Thursday evening.

## Expo shows off facility's 30K square feet

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Business and community leaders gathered for an expo for local businesses and a reception featuring numerous food stations at the Morgantown Event Center.

"It's truly a premier event center," said Pascal Petter, director of sales and marketing for the Waterfront Place Hotel.

The event center is attached to the hotel and is more than 30,000 square feet. On Thursday, it hosted the Morgantown Area Business Expo and a reception and open house.

Petter said they had various stations to show off the many



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**Attendees visit the booths** and vendors at the Morgantown Chamber Business Expo on Thursday evening at the Morgantown Event Center.

Morgantown Area Chamber of help bring people into the area for

types of events the center can host. There were areas to simulate a wedding reception, a tailgating party with a barbecue-sauce fountain and a carving station.

The center will help attract various regional conferences to the area, Petter said.

Commerce President & CEO Ken Busz agreed with Petter that the center will help attract more people because of its size, and the fact that it can handle a large crowd.

"It's a great facility," Busz said.

The center is one part of the effort to continue economic development in the area, Busz said. It will

conferences and hopefully increase business for local companies.

The expo featured about 40 vendors and, Busz said, it gave participants an opportunity to engage others and continue to network. He added he hoped this would also increase sales for local businesses.