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## 4th of July event sponsored by Markwell Funeral Home honors local veterans, Shriners

Markwell & Son Funeral Home hosted a luncheon this past July 4th to honor local veterans, Shriners and their families.

"We were thrilled to be able to hold this luncheon for the second year running," said Dee Partlow, from Markwell and Son Funeral home. "Our veterans do so much to protect people both at home and abroad. This event allowed us to show our appreciation for their many sacrifices in a small way."

Held on July 4th from 11am to 6pm, the luncheon took place at the Casey VFW on Central Avenue. More than 150 veterans, Shriners and family members attended the event,

which was catered by Prairie Fire Smokehouse in Casey. Guests enjoyed BBQ sandwiches, as well as sides like baked beans, coleslaw, veggies, chips and bottled water. Additionally, the VFW Men's and Ladies Auxiliary groups provided supplies and support to ensure the luncheon was a success.

Employees from the funeral home, Dee Partlow, Kaitlyn Tipsword and Jay Markwell were present at the luncheon, serving people and cleaning up after the festivities. The event was publicized through the two local papers, *The Casey Reporter* and the *Casey Westfield News-Sun* as well as through a radio ad on WMMC.

"We're so grateful to Casey VFW and the Men's and Ladies Auxiliary, as well as to the current commander, Paul Stephen, and Lynn Isley of the Ladies Auxiliary who all helped make this lunch possible," said Mr. Markwell. "We hope to continue hosting these veteran events for years to come."