



OUTSIDE THE NORCATUR fire station, Doug Dempewolf, (above left) Luke Bailey, Sam Stapp, Troy Wentz and Jeff Roe roasted hot dogs over a fire pit crafted by Chief Carl Lyon. Stan Miller (below) put ketchup on his hot-dog bun.



Norcatur firefighters say thanks with cookout

The Norcatur volunteer firefighters thanked the town Saturday for its continued support with a free hot dog cookout at the station.

Scott Hartzog, assistant fire chief, said the Norcatur Fire Department started a pizza fund raiser about 10 years ago. The volunteers make pizzas at the end of January before the Super Bowl. The firefighters use the kitchen in the former Norcatur High School to make the pizzas. Money raised over the years has gone to help buy equipment for the department, he said.

The people have really supported the fire depart-

ment, said Mr. Hartzog, so the members wanted to do something to say thanks. The department has 16 volunteers, he said.

Before the roast, the fire fighters cleaned out the station and got the equipment out for people to look at.

He said they had over 60 people show up and cooked and served around 120 hot dogs. The fire fighters also had baked beans, cookies, popcorn balls, tea, water and hot chocolate. They had small bags of candy put together for people as well.

There was an excellent turnout, said the chief. It gave people the chance to sit down and visit.



ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF SCOTT HARTZOG (above) held out a bucket for Tana Breiner to draw the winning name for a fire extinguisher or smoke alarm. Tracey Hartzog (left) helped serve food as firefighter Lidia Knapp handed her a drink.

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