

CHRISTMASTIME DESTINATIONS

By Hannah Ball

hball@tctimes.com; 810-433-6792 The lack of snow doesn't have to mean a lack of

holiday cheer. If you're looking for a fun, seasonal activity, think about traveling to these nearby Michigan destinations to celebrate with friends and family.

Frankenmuth

Frankenmuth is known for two things: chicken and Christmas. You can spend a day there and have dinner at one of two world famous chicken restaurants, the Bavarian Inn and Zehnder's. Bring the whole family to visit the world's largest Christmas store, Bronner's Christmas Wonderland, to decorate your home, or visit any of the other attractions like the corn maze, tasting tours, museums, and mills.

Distance: 42 minutes, 40.4 miles **For more information:** frankenmuth.org

Crossroads Village

This authentic Great Lakes town in Flint has more than 34 historic sites. Guests can ride the Huckleberry Railroad, watch an opera at the Colwell Opera House, and visit the Master Cider Mill. Walk around the village and enjoy the Christmas decorations and old-time feel.

Distance: 28 minutes, 25.4 miles **For more information:** geneseecountyparks.org

The Detroit Zoo

During the winter, the Detroit Zoo features their "Wild Lights," a five-million light display that lights up the night. It's one of the main attractions during winter, especially with the statues of animals made from lights. People can walk around and enjoy these lights from 5:30 to 9 p.m. until the end of December.

If that's too late in the day, you can always go for a day visit and see any of the 2,500 animals of 270 species sheltered at the zoo. See related story on Page 2B. **Cost:** "Wild Lights" \$9 in advance and \$11 at the gate

Distance: 48 minutes, 49 miles

For more information: detroitzoo.org

Polar Express

It may not go to the North Pole to visit Santa, but the Polar Express train at Crossroads Village is still festive. Passengers receive hot chocolate and cookies as well as have story-time with Chris Van Allsburg's "The Polar Express". The Huckleberry Railroad, part of the Genesee County Parks system, is a Polar Express train that is decorated for the holidays and features nighttime rides. **Cost:** Tickets range from \$10 to \$15 **Distance:** 28 minutes, 25.4 miles **For more information:** american-rails.com

Flint Institute of Arts

If you're looking for something quiet, cultural and educational, the Flint Institute of Arts is always a good option. The FIA is the second largest art museum in Michigan. More than 8,000 objects from around the world are available for anyone to view.

Cost: Free for children 12 and under, \$7 for adults, and \$5 for students with IDs and senior citizens

- **Distance:** 20 minutes, 19.1 miles
- **For more information:** flintsarts.org

Greenfield Village

Christmastime at Greenfield Village in Dearborn features music, entertainment, skating, fireworks, and the sound of carolers. You can walk along the lantern-lit paths, ride in horse-drawn carriages and Model T car rides. Kids will love watching Santa ride in his sleigh pulled by reindeer. **Cost:** Tickets are available for Dec. 13, ranging from \$20 to \$26

Distance: 1 hour, 2 minutes, 62.8 miles **For more information:** thehenryford.org

Flint Children's Museum

At the Flint Children's Museum, children ages 2 to 10 can learn about science with hands-on exhibits. They'll learn about how things work, health and fitness, the performing arts, and will enjoy the ever-changing Discovery Zone exhibit that features a new display every few months.

- **Cost:** Tickets cost \$6
- **Distance:** 20 minutes, 17.5 miles
- **For more information:** thefcm.org



DETROIT ZOO IN WINTER IS 'ULTIMATE' COOL EXPERIENCE

Zookeepers make sure animals are comfortable during winter

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Not a creature was stirring, not even a tiger. Going to the Detroit Zoo at nighttime in winter is a different experience than going any other season. While the real animals sleep,

while the real animals si statues of the animals illuminated by more than five million LED lights for the zoo's annual "Wild Lights" become a huge attraction.

Humans adapt to the cold winter months by wearing extra clothing and turning the heat on, but how does the Detroit Zoo prepare the animals for winter?

With Michigan temperatures regularly dropping 10 degrees below freezing and often below zero during winter months, the zoo takes precautions to make sure its animals have suitable habitats.

"We have protocols in place to make sure all of the animals that live at the Detroit Zoo are safe and comfortable all year long," said Jennie Miller, communications manager.

The zoo provides warm places and extra materials, like hay and wind blocks, for animals that aren't suited very well to the cold.

"Providing animals with the choice of where to spend their time is important regardless of temperatures, and we do this whenever possible," she said.

The zoo is home to more than 2,500 animals and more than 270 species of amphibians, reptiles, mammals,

For more information on Wild Lights, go to detroitzoo. org, and click on "events." The event will run Dec 11-13, 18-23 and 26-31, starting at 5:30 p.m.

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TRI-COUNTY TIMES I TIM JAGIELO Guests line up for the "Polar Plunge" slide at the Detroit Zoo on Saturday, Nov. 28. The popular 'Wild Lights' event was sold out that evening. Tickets can be purchased online ahead of time.

and birds, according to Detroit Zoo's website.

"Some animals can be outside year-round, others are required to be indoors at temperatures of 40 degrees or colder," Miller said.

Animals like penguins, reptiles, amphibians, and birds are inside yearround, and zoo operators control the temperature of the environments to best suit the animals' needs.

"Some animals may change their behavior patterns in colder months, which can include how active they are or how much they eat," Miller said.

Many of the reptiles slow down during the winter months. A few species of bears also slow down without fully hibernating.

Of all the animals, bears hibernate the most, only waking to eat food they collected in warmer temperatures. Their heart rate slows down from 40-50 beats per minute to eight to 12 beats per minute, according to sciencemadesimple.com.

Animals likes skunks, raccoons, and certain species of chipmunks and squirrels may sleep for most of the severe weather and wake during milder weather to hunt for food.

"Many of the animals really enjoy the winter months and take full advantage of the colder temperatures and snow," she said. "The Detroit Zoo is open 362 days a year and winter is a wonderful time to see animals both indoors and out."

Many animals at the zoo are very active during the winter months, like gray wolves, wolverines, tigers, arctic foxes, Japanese macaques, camels, and red pandas, Miller explained.

There are still many indoor exhibits to see like the otter habitat, the Butterfly Garden, the Penguinarium and many other exhibits.

Miller said with fewer visitors and more active animals, a walk through the zoo during winter is the "ultimate" cool experience.



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USING WORDS TO COMMUNICATE

Dogs don't understand words, obviously, and using only that language to communicate will only confuse your pet. Instead, they listen to the tone of your voice and your body language. They're very intuitive and pick up on little quirks more often than humans do. They know when someone is sad, mad, or happy just by looking at body language. You also cannot lie to a dog because your body language and tone won't match what you're saying. Renaming dogs can be very confusing for the dog.

LACK OF ACTIVITY

Dogs aren't couch or floor ornaments; they need activity, they need something to do. If you don't play with your dog, or engage them in some kind of physical activity, they're more likely to chew the carpet, race around the house, and get angered easier. Because dogs are naturally wild creatures that sometimes had to rely on themselves for food, tracking down other animals through scent is something they're born to do. When a dog's natural instinct is repressed, they become frustrated, which often leads to aggression. Give your dog a job or activity, like a scent obstacle course, to make him or her happy.

SWITCHING ROLES

The balance between pack leader and playmate is fragile. In fact, it should rarely be crossed. The pack leader in a family needs to be the pack leader all the time. Dogs need conformity and rules, and they're used to one person being in charge. If that one person starts playing with the dog, switching roles from pack leader to playmate, they're bound to get confused about the rules. They don't understand why they have to follow rules when you become their playmate. Respect those boundaries.

THINGS **HUMANS** DO THAT **DOGS** DO NOT LIKE

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TREATING YOUR DOG LIKE A CHILD

While we all know people who treat their dogs like their children, they're not people. They're dogs. As much as these people like to dote on their dogs, and talk about how well-behaved they are, all dogs love to chase things, play in dirt, and get messy. It's perfectly fine to show affection to your dog, but exercise and letting them be a dog is more important.

BEING NERVOUS AROUND YOUR DOG

If you're in a situation with your dog that makes you nervous, your dog is likely to get nervous, too. They follow human behavior and will think something is wrong if their human friend acts like something is wrong. Because they're predators, their flight-or-fight response is usually fight and this nervousness can lead to aggression if your dog thinks there's a serious threat. It's important to pay attention to your dog so you can have a healthy relation-

ship. SOURCE: CESARSWA COM

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What has been your most memorable Christmas?



"I had several when I was little. It could be the one where we got a toboggan. There were seven of us kids on it. We went sledding on Christmas Eve."

> Kathy Corbett Fenton Township



"I think it's every Christmas I've had my grandchildren. My oldest is 17 and my youngest is 6. I have five. I'm connected into the same house."

> — Barbara Glandon Hollv



"I would have to say my first Christmas with my daughter. It was my first kid's Christmas."



"I have four boys and every Christmas is memorable, being with family and friends. It's a great time of the year. I let my children do the shopping online.' — Ed Butcher

— Jennifer Gauthier Tyrone Township



"The first Christmas with my son. He was almost a year old. We went to my parent's house and he was just lost in the magic of the lights, food, and activities."

> — Robin Rozario Fenton

Tech gifts under \$100

Fenton Township

■Here are a few gift ideas for your tech-savvy nieces and nephews

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If you want to splurge on a gift for someone, or for yourself, without spending too much, any of these tech gadgets would make a great choice.

More and more streaming services are becoming available with the growing popularity of streaming and a shift in TV consumption, but some options are pretty expensive.

Tracking your fitness with an Apple Watch is enticing, but they usually cost over \$200.

Here are less expensive options available at amazon.com for your technology needs.

Roku 3

The Roku is a popular device for streaming TV shows using

your TV. It connects

to a TV and uses streaming services like Hulu and Showtime. The third generation Roku offers voice recognition, pointanywhere WiFi control, and a headphone jack for private listening.

The second Roku has also been improved with a faster response time. Cost: \$79

Amazon Fire TV

This streaming service is wellloved for its parental controls, great support

and ability to adapt to hotel rooms and college dorms. It allows users to stream shows and movies offered on Amazon. The newest generation offers 4K video, which is ultra-high definition quality. Cost: \$74.99

Logitech MX Master

This high-quality wireless mouse is compatible with both Windows and Mac software. It comes with a speedadaptive scroll wheel and a unique thumbwheel that allows users to turn pages with the flick of a thumb. Cost: \$81.29

JBL Flip 3

Speakers are always a great present, but this speaker is superior with

a splash proof design and a 10-hour battery life. It plays any content from a Bluetooth enabled device so it can be controlled by a nearby phone or tablet. Cost: \$89.95

Amazon Kindle

Even though it came out last year, the Amazon Kindle has a long-lasting battery and a paperlike screen, making it a popular gift for anyone





Cost: \$49.99

This full-fledged tablet is a cheap option for a good tablet. It holds 8GB, but the 16GB version is just\$20more. You can shop online,

play games, read books, watch videos, listen to music and do any function of a computer. Cost: \$69.99

Apple TV

While the newest Apple TV comes with voice remote and game playability, the old Apple TV is now under \$100 and still



and normal TV options on the market. You can stream Netflix, listen to music, and much more Cost: \$64.99

Fitbit Flex This step counter and fitness tracker



records how many steps you take in a day and automatically uploads the information to a computer and smartphone. Users can track progress on graphs and charts, and is perfect for people who want to get in shape. Cost: \$79.95



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had to get up in

CONTEST TO DESIGN COVER OF 2016 STATE OF THE STATE PROGRAM, WINNING STUDENT MEETS GOVERNOR, ATTENDS JANUARY EVENT

Students in the 51st House District have a chance to compete for a chance to meet Gov. Rick Snyder and attend the State of the State address on Jan. 19. Rep. Joseph Graves (R-Argentine Township) encourages the students of his district (Fenton, Lake Fenton and Linden) to take part in a contest to design the cover art for the 2016 State of the State program. "Our students have the chance to show their creativity and imagination," said Graves. "Michigan has a great tradition of creative people, and these kids will be the next generation to do that." Students can submit their designs through Jan. 3, 2016. The top five designs — judged on their creativity and originality

- will be announced through social media on Jan. 5, 2016 and posted on Snyder's Facebook page. The winning design will be determined by which one receives the most 'Likes' on Facebook by the end of the day on Jan. 8, 2016. Contest entries should be sized to fit on a 5.5-inch x 8.5-inch cover. Students on a separate sheet should include their name, phone number,

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and email address, with their

submit their designs by email

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reported that things are going

well and that people seem to

like them. Although Republic

people try out their 65-gallon

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carts for 90 days before asking

for larger ones, Lockwood did

say the larger carts are located at

the Department of Public Works

garage. People can call city hall

at (810) 629-2261 to request a

garage. Lockwood also asked

swap of their 65-gallon cart to a

95-gallon cart. People will not be

able to go take them from the DPW

that residents put their carts away.

For some reason, she said, many

people are leaving the big blue

bins at the curb and deliver the

trash and recycling to the carts.

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HOT LINE CONTINUED

FINALLY, THE REST of the debris is being cleared away at the old Fenton Seminary.

MAYBE DONALD TRUMP can round

up all the people he doesn't want in this country and lock 'em up in his hotels until someone can figure out what to do with them.

I WAS REALLY looking forward to ice fishing with my friends this year. Doesn't look like that's going to happen anytime soon.

SAW A FUNNY picture of Donald Trump, dressed like Archie Bunker, sitting in his chair next to Edith.

LOVE HOW EVERY holiday season people go out of their way to feed and give clothes and coats to the needy. Let's try to remember that these same people are out there with the same problems when the holidays are over also.

ONLY A COUPLE more weeks until the Spartans play in the Cotton Bowl and we can't wait. What do you serve at a Cotton Bowl party?

COMPLETELY AGREE WITH the Fenton mayor regarding the pickup truck purchases.



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I have a 2004 Dodge Ram 1500 with a 4.6 V8. It starts shaking when I'm stopped. I just did a minor tune-up. What do you think is wrong with it? - Stephen

Stephen, Anything I tell you at this point would just be a guess without hearing the vehicle run and knowing the history. First, if the shaking did not start until after the tune up then you need to look for a possible cracked porcelain on one or more of the spark plugs. Check to make sure the proper spark plugs where installed since sometimes they are cataloged wrong. Next, I would make sure when you are checking the plugs to pay attention to the coil boots as you remove the coils to make that they are seated properly and in good condition. If the shaking was present before the tune up then it is probably best at this point if you have a professional look at it. Some components are difficult to test and may take some specialty equipment to test. With the cost of parts for today's vehicles guessing is not a good way to go.

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Tips for first-time home buyers

Buying a home for the first time is an exciting period in a person's life.

Deciding to buy a home often indicates buyers are ready to establish firm roots in a community where they can see themselves living for years to come.

The process of buying a home is rarely easy, and first-time buyers may feel overwhelmed at times. Such feelings are perfectly normal and felt by firsttime buyers regardless of their budgets or home preferences. But there are a few ways to make buying a home more enjoyable than it is nerve-wracking.

Examine your finances. The first step toward buying a home has nothing to do with deciding if you prefer a craftsmanor Tudor-style home. Before you even begin your search for a home, carefully examine your finances to determine how much is coming in and how much is going out of your household each month. Figure out how much debt you are currently carrying, be it student loan, automotive, consumer or any other types of debt. Order a credit report so you can see how prospective lenders are likely to see you, and address any errors you find on the report before meeting with any



The first step to becoming a first-time homeowner is examining your finances.

lenders. Peruse past bank statements to track your spending habits, looking for areas where you might be able to scale back if need be.

Be prepared when visiting lenders. Prospective borrowers can make the home-buying process go smoothly by having all of the necessary documentation ready when visiting potential lenders. Many mortgage lenders will want to see some recent pay stubs (from both borrowers if buying with a spouse or partner), a couple years' worth of W-2s and tax returns, as well as your recent bank statements. You can always call ahead and ask lenders what they need to see when applying for a loan. Having these materials ready in advance means you will spend less time at the bank and more time finding the right home for you.

Secure financing before you begin house hunting. Many first-time home buyers might not realize the benefits of securing financing before they begin looking for a home. Mortgage preapproval lets buyers know how much a bank will loan them, meaning they won't spend time looking at homes they can't afford. In addition, preapproval means buyers won't lose out on their dream homes as they scramble to secure financing after making an offer.

Work with a local real estate agent.

Real estate agents are an invaluable resource to home buyers and are especially valuable to those buyers who have never before purchased a home. Agents can help first-time buyers navigate the often confusing and, at times, disappointing process of buying a home. Choose an agent who is established in the area where you want to buy a home. He or she can provide information about local property taxes and schools as well as a multitude of additional issues that first-time buyers may not think of. Agents also know the lay of the land regarding home prices, which can ease first-time buyers' fears about overpaying for their first homes.

A home is the biggest purchase many people will ever make. Firsttime buyers may be intimidated as they begin searching for their homes, but there are several ways to make the process go smoothly.







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Michael Joseph Furry

1967-2015 Michael Joseph Furry age 48, of Linden, died Monday, December 7. 2015. Funeral Mass will be celebrated 11 AM



Adelaide St, Fenton. Fr. Jim Rolph celebrant. Visitation will be held at the church Monday from 10 AM until the time of Mass. Those desiring may make contributions to the Hydrocephalus Association. Michael was born February 7, 1967 in Pontiac, the son of Warren R. "Jack" and Rosann V. (Ciaravella) Furry. He was a 1985 graduate of Milford High School. He co-owned and operated the Linden Hotel with his family. He had resided in Linden for the past 22 years coming from Milford. Michael was an avid hunter and fisherman. Surviving are: his parents, Jack and Rose Furry of Linden; sisters, Karen and husband David Stroud of Fenton and Sharon and husband Dennis Flowers of Linden; 5 nieces, Courtney, Taylor, Skylar, Hailey, and Hannah; several aunts, uncles, and cousins; and his faithful four legged companion. Chase. Online tributes may be posted on the obituary page at www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Ruby Hensley

Ruby Hensley - age 87, died December 6, 2015. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



John Jones

John Jones - age 62, died December 8, 2015, Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com



Nancy Priest Nancy Priest - age 77, died December 4, 2015. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



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Dale "Buda" Constable 1962-2015

Dale "Buda" Constable age 53, of Fenton, passed away Friday, December 4, 2015 as the result of an automobile accident. Funeral

service

will be

held at

10 AM

Saturday,

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ber 12.

2015



at the Swartz Funeral Home, 1225 West Hill Road, **Reverend Gary Lindsey** officiating. Burial in Ottawa Park Cemetery in Clarkston. Those desiring may make contributions to the family for a scholarship fund for his granddaughter. Visitation 1-4 and 5-8 PM Friday and 9:30 AM Saturday until the time of the service at the funeral home. Dale was born in Pontiac, Michigan on January 31, 1962, the son of Donald and Carlene (Lang) Constable. On June 25, 1983 he married his high school sweetheart, Lorie Crites in Clarkston, Michigan. Dale was the proud owner of Brush & Roller Painting and took care of all of his clients as if he were working on his own home. He was the most giving and loving person and could make everyone smile. Dale was a devoted soulmate to Lorie; loving father to Amanda and husband Edwin Maleche; proud grandfather of Nia; brothers, Ken, Jerry (Diane) and Scott; sister, Carol (Jon); mother and father-in-law, Ruth and Dwight Gallagher; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by mother, Carlene; father, Donald; sister, Sharon and nephew, David. Your condolences may be shared with the family at www. swartzfuneralhomeinc. com.



Kirk MacLennan

Kirk MacLennan - age 54, died December 8, 2015. Services entrusted to Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com



Gayle Kinder

Gayle Kinder - died December 9, 2015. Services entrusted to Sharp Funeral Homes, www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Overgrown college 'bro' overstays his welcome

BY AMY DICKINSON

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DEAR AMY:

Several years ago, "Steve," a college acquaintance of my husband's, made contact with us after many years, asking if his

daughter "Mandy" could stay with us on her way to her new college, which is near where we live. We gladly opened our home to her on a couple of occasions and enjoyed her company. Then the dad started inviting himself to stay the night as he drove through to visit his hometown or to see her. After several visits we realized he was using our house as his own personal hotel. He has never grown up and continues to drink like a partying college student. He is loud, self-engrossed and overbearing. On one occasion,

he brought a friend with him who was so rude I almost threw them both out of the house. Once when my husband was going to be out-of-town at the same time he was passing through I recommended a hotel nearby but he scoffed at that and acted offended. I didn't let him stay and we didn't hear from him for some time. We have since lied about being home or ignored his requests to stop over. We received a Christmas card this year written by his wife (who by the way is lovely, but enables

him) that said they hoped to connect with us "if we wanted." Well, we truly don't. Steve's wife and daughter are so nice, but we have had enough of him. The only option we see is to

ignore her card and hope they get the message. Any advice? No Room at the Inn

DEAR NO ROOM:

"Steve" is the person your husband knew in college. This family's presence in your life is due to the relationship (such as it is) between the two men. The family's absence from your life is due to his behavior not theirs. And yet even now you are trying to protect this man from the consequences of his behavior. I'm not suggesting you offer up

chapter and verse to this family about why he is no longer welcome to spend the night with you — nor should you lie about not being home. But you should say, "We're sorry not to see you, but it just didn't work out having 'Steve' spend the night during his trips. Let us know if you're passing through and it would be great to catch up, and of course if 'Mandy' needs anything at all, we hope she'll call. We've really enjoyed getting to know her.

between the left and right arm blood

pressure, so it is OK to use whichever arm is

easiest for you. There

are some automatic

blood pressure cuffs

that are designed to

be on the left arm,

probably because

most right-handed

time manipulating

the cuff with their

most machines. If

there is a significant

(greater than 10 mm

Hg) and consistent

difference in the left

arm from the right,

that could indicate an

abnormality such as a

people have an easier

right hand. A human

is more accurate than

Is right arm better for blood pressure?

DEAR DR. ROACH: Would you explain the proper method

for taking blood pressure? One instruction I read says to use the left arm. However, another shows the health-care worker taking blood pressure in the left arm and patients using automatic cuffs on the right arm. The right subclavian artery comes off the ascending aorta closer to the heart than the left subclavian artery, which suggests that the logical

To your GO EALT BY KEITH ROACH, M.D. **KEITH**

ROACH, M.D.

method would be to use the right arm. However, the self-assessment health stations at the grocery store and the YMCA are set up to use the left arm to measure blood pressure. -- C.R.

ANSWER:

There usually is only a small difference

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RUDOLPH CRISPY TREATS INGREDIENTS

1 box (13oz) Cocoa Pebbles Cereal 1/4 stick butter 1/3 cup peanut butter 1 teaspoon vanilla 1 package (10oz) mini marshmallows

FOR DECORATING

24 pretzels, broken in half 4 oz almond bark, melted 24 candy eyeballs 12 red Dot candies 2 Fruit Roll ups, cut into thin strips 36 gold Sixlets

1. Start by making your Cocoa Pebbles treats

2. In a large saucepan, set over medium heat, melt butter and peanut butter together 3. Once melted, add in vanilla and marshmal-

lows. Cook over low heat, stirring frequently until all marshmallows are melted. 4. Add in cereal and stir to combine

5. Spread out on jelly roll pan and set aside to cool slightly.

6. Using a cookie cutter, or you can free form, form Cocoa Pebbles Treats into Reindeer heads.

7. Allow to set for 10 minutes before decorating.

TO DECORATE

1. Add pretzels, for antlers, to either side of the Reindeer's head. You may have to reform some of the cocoa pebbles around the backside of his head so they fit securely in there. 2. Wrap Fruit Rollups at the bottom of Ru-dolph's neck extending off to one side to resemble a scarf.

3. Using your melted white chocolate, dab a small dot in the center of Rudolph's face and stick on the Dot Candy for the nose and 2 small dabs for the eyes.

4. Dab 3 small dots of white chocolate, onto the scarf, and place on your gold Sixlets.

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in the backvard."



