PITTSBURGH - He's Matt Lamanna, an ant paleontologist at the Carnegie Museum of Natural History in Oakland.

She's Jane, a tweener Tyrannosaurus rex. She posed beauty of a dinosaur who made her the museum Tuesday morning just in time for holidays.

Jane, deemed one of the most complete juvenile dinosaurs ever found, casts an imposing entrance hall.

Her head, turned dully to the left, boasts distinctive sockets and a strong lower jawbone with 34 razor-sharp teeth.

She's a sleek 21 feet long, which surely gave her the length 60 million years ago to wear her 1,200 weight well. She'd be perfect, but for a bulge on a bone on her left foot.

Lamanna, assistant curator of the museum's section of vertebrate paleontology, said the bulge is evidence of an infection and that Jane might have walked with a limp.

Not that a limp matters much because this juvenile T-rex is the proud find of the Burpee Museum of Natural History in Rockford, Ill. In the fall of 2001, a 14-person expedition team discovered the fossilized bones in the Hell Creek Formation in the arid badlands of southeastern Montana.

They began unearthing the bones in 2002 and found about 50 percent of the skeleton. By 2005, the skeleton had been cleaned and hardened and ready for display at the Burpee Museum.

The Jane on display at the Carnegie is a polyester resin cast made and mounted by Research Casting International in Ontario, Canada.

Jane's mystique is enhanced by the fact that paleontologists can't determine whether this T-rex is a male or female, but folks at the Rockford named it Jane after Jane Solem, a Burpee benefactor.

Jane, the researchers figure, was about 11 years old and about the same length and about half the weight of a smaller T-rex.

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