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Shop Small at Cotton Tales

Contributed by Cotton Tales

In the quest to provide the best for our little ones, many parents strive to acquire the most expensive and cutting-edge toys on the market. The belief that these high-end contraptions can transform our youngsters into prodigies is a common aspiration. And while this approach is certainly an option, one local establishment in the heart of Downtown Jackson wants parents to know that there's a world of imagination within any toy, no matter its price tag.

As the proud proprietor of CottonTales, a charming store nestled in the heart of Downtown Jackson, the message from this individual owner is clear: any toy can be transformed into a boundless world of wonder and discovery. With a warm smile, they encourage parents to explore the potential within every toy, regardless of its cost.

Of course, it's only natural to desire the latest gadgets and gizmos, such as Aunt Cindy's unwavering belief that her gifted contraption will sculpt her nephew, Albert, into the next baseball star. However, perhaps, a simple ball is all that two-year-old Albie truly needs. CottonTales stands as the go-to destination for parents looking to ignite their child's imagination on a budget.

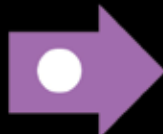
The store presents a rainbow of options, with one primary question: "What color do you want?" From the captivating array of hues in the Mega Rainbow Ball by Schylling to the sheer curiosity sparked by the Super Ball from Wham-O, CottonTales offers choices that can stir thoughts about physics, motion, and the magic of play.

There's no definitive manual on how to play with a toy. At CottonTales, they understand that play is an open-ended journey where a simple toy can transform into a myriad of adventures, limited only by the boundaries of a child's imagination. The message is clear: embrace the potential in every toy, nurture your child's creativity, and watch them flourish.

CottonTales is not just a store; it's a gateway to a world of limitless exploration and learning. This local gem is a reminder that you don't need to break the bank to provide your child with the tools they need to discover, learn, and grow.

So, the next time you find yourself in Downtown Jackson, take a stroll into CottonTales and unlock the hidden potential within every toy. It's a reminder that the best things in life, and play, are often the simplest.

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Jackson County Animal Shelter's Adoptable Pets: Remi and Gina

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Jackson County
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Remi

Meet Miss Remi, a 2-year-old grey American Staffordshire mix who arrived as a stray. She's a joyful girl who adores playing with tennis balls and exudes plenty of tail-wagging personality. Remi's heartwarming trait shines through when she befriends and comforts a shy, scared new pup in the kennel next door. She's also well-housetrained and has a good grasp of some basic commands. Thanks to a generous donor, her entire adoption fee has been sponsored. Dog adoptions require an application that can be found at co.jackson.mi.us/DocumentCenter/View/8193/Dog-Adoption-Application-PDF. Availability date is when the dog becomes JCAS property; any necessary medical procedures may delay an adop-

tion. A meet & greet with your dog is mandatory, and a cat room walk-through is available to test reaction. Dogs will go to approved applicants; the adoption fee is \$150 for medium/large dogs and \$250 for puppies/small dogs, which includes vaccinations, microchips, and sterilization.



Gina

Meet the lovely gray kitty, Gina. She arrived as a stray and is a bit on the slender side at just 5 lbs. Gina is diligently working on her weight and is known to be quite the enthusiastic eater. In her photo, you can see her daydreaming about her next meal. Gina is 11 years old, qualifying for a senior adoption, which means her fee is only \$35. She's a

perfect match for someone who prefers the company of a mature cat and a lap warmer for the upcoming winter. Meet her today at the Jackson County Animal Shelter at 3370 Spring Arbor Road. The adoption fee is \$60 for one cat and \$80 for two, including applicable tests, vaccines, and spaying/neutering. Any necessary medical procedures may slightly postpone an adoption. Visiting the shelter is always best, but you can complete an online application at co.jackson.mi.us/DocumentCenter/View/8194/Cat-Adoption-Application-PDF. Completed applications can be faxed to 517-780-4750 or emailed to animalshelter@mijackson.org. See our website for more information at jacksoncountyanimalshelter.org, and stay up to date by following us on Facebook. Current shelter hours are M, Tu, W, F, 10:00-4:30, Thu 10-7, Sat 10-4.



Fast Facts About Healthy Skin and Coat Care for Dogs

Family Features - The condition and appearance of your dog's skin and coat can serve as outward indicators of his or her overall health. While grooming is one of the most important steps to maintaining a healthy coat, other factors can play a role in the look and feel of your four-legged friend's fur.

For example, dull, dry, or flaky coats can be external indicators of internal issues. Stress, illness, and inadequate nutrition can all lead to lackluster fur. Breed can also play a role in the shininess of your pet's coat.

To get a better understanding of how you can improve your pet's skin and coat, consider these facts and misperceptions from the experts at Petcurean, makers of the Go! Solutions line of premium pet food.

Fiction: Frequent washing dries out dogs' skin and coats.

Regularly bathing your dog removes dirt, dander, debris, and odors, and can help clear irritation-causing allergens. However, bathing too frequently removes natural oils, which keep skin supple and the coat soft and pliable. For best results, use a high-quality pet shampoo that's gentle on the skin and coat, then follow up with a nourishing conditioner for smooth, shiny fur.

Fact: Dogs should be groomed regularly.

Regular brushing with proper tools – sometimes as often as daily – is important. Not only

can it help prevent matting in long-haired or double-coated dogs, but it also stimulates blood flow to the skin, which helps keep it healthy and ensures you notice any changes in your pet's skin and coat. Grooming should also include cleaning ears, brushing teeth, and trimming nails.



Photo by Brooke Cagle on Unsplash

Fiction: Poor hydration does not affect skin or coat.

Fresh, clean water is essential for all bodily functions, including the maintenance of healthy skin. To help keep dogs hydrated, be sure fresh water is available to them, particularly at meal times.

Fact: Flea and tick control is essential for healthy skin and shiny coats.

If not controlled, fleas and ticks can wreak havoc on the skin, which in turn affects coat

quality. The irritation they cause typically promotes excessive scratching and licking.

Fiction: Dogs don't need to use pet shampoo.

Human skin and hair are different from the skin and fur of dogs and should be treated as such. Shampoo designed for humans can strip oils and lead to dryness when used on dogs, which can result in infections and skin irritations. Be sure to use a shampoo specifically formulated for pets to maintain skin and coat health.

Fact: A high-quality, balanced pet food recipe is key to healthy skin and a shiny coat. Because every dog is different and has varied energy requirements, the right blend of ingredients – rather than any one specific ingredient – tailored for individual dogs can help achieve healthy skin and shiny coats. For example, recipes like Go! Solutions Skin + Coat Care

Large Breed Puppy and Adult Salmon Recipes with Grains are tailor-made for large breed puppies and adults with single-source animal protein from salmon to help build strong muscles; Omega fatty acids to support healthy, hydrated skin and a shiny coat; and the proper balance of nutrients to meet the unique needs of large breed dogs throughout their life stages.

To learn more about recipes that promote healthy skin and shiny coats, visit go-solutions.com. Source: Petcurean

K105.3 Launches New Morning and Afternoon Shows

*Contributed by
McKibbin Media Group*

McKibbin Media Group (MMG) has announced that it is launching a new Morning Show on its flagship station, K105.3 FM, on Monday, October 23. The K105.3 Morning Show will now feature Jared (Jrod) Hammond and newly hired Micki Morgret as co-hosts of the show, bringing a new flare and excitement to the program.

Hammond, a Jackson, Michigan native and graduate of Northwest High School, has been employed at McKibbin Media Group (Jackson Radio) for over 20 years. He is being promoted to mornings on K105.3 (6-10 a.m. M-F) after serving for nearly 20 years as the host of the station's Drive at Five afternoons. Hammond's promotion to the Morning Show is the next step in the evolution of Hammond on the Jackson airwaves.

"I'm excited to start this new journey as host of the K105.3 Morning Show," Hammond said. "It's the next chapter in my broadcasting career, and I'm ready to get started. Micki and I will bring a lot of veteran experience to the show and give Jackson an entertaining and music-filled show that listeners will enjoy."

Morgret, a native of Hudson, Michigan, comes to MMG and K105.3 FM with over 30 years of radio

broadcast experience. She served in a variety of capacities in her radio career, with stops in Ohio, Indiana, and Wisconsin, among others. Her career started in Adrian, Michigan.

"I came back to Michigan recently to be closer to family and left the radio

ed with Jrod and the entire MMG team."

Morgret will also serve as host of the middays (10 a.m. – 2 p.m.) on 95.9 FM, The Power Cow, Jackson's country music station.

Additionally, K105.3 will also feature Marc Daly as the new host of the Drive

tor for 101.9 FM.

Steve Boyle, the long-time host of WKHM's Talk Back Jackson (101.5 FM/970 AM) and afternoons with Captain Steve on 95.9 FM The Power Cow, has been promoted to Operations Manager for MMG's Jackson stations. Boyle will

(YJC) will continue to host the middays and Back in the Day Buffet program on K105.3 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. on weekdays.

"All of these programming moves have been made with our listeners and partners in mind," MMG President and Owner Katina McKibbin said. "We have so many great veteran broadcasters at McKibbin Media Group. We wanted to put them in the best roles possible to succeed, and we feel we have done that with these changes. We're all excited to get going with these new shows and continue to provide great radio for the Jackson community."

About McKibbin Media Group

McKibbin Media Group (MMG) was founded by the late Jamie McKibbin (1977-2020) and his wife, Katina McKibbin, in December of 2019. MMG currently holds six local radio stations in its portfolio, providing quality news, sports, and weather coverage, plus music and entertainment to tens of thousands of listeners in the Jackson, Hillsdale, and surrounding communities in Michigan. MMG also provides digital and social media services plus hosts a variety of community events each year. For more information on MMG and its stations, visit www.K1053.com, www.wkham.com, or www.RadioHillsdale.com.



Photo courtesy of McKibbin Media Group

industry as a result," Morgret said. "Since I've been back, I've had the itch to get back into broadcasting, which is where my heart lies, and was excited when this opportunity opened up at K105.3. You never can get radio out of your system completely, so this is perfect for me at this point in my career. I can't wait to get start-

at Five from 3-7 p.m. Monday-Friday. Daly is a veteran broadcaster with over 20 years of experience in the radio industry. He is the current host of The Daly sports show on 101.9 FM, Jackson's Fox Sports radio station, which will continue from noon to 1 p.m. on weekdays. Daly will also serve as the Program Direc-

oversee the entire programming department for MMG Jackson in this new role, replacing Hammond, who has moved to mornings. Boyle has been with MMG for nearly ten years and will continue his broadcasting roles with WKHM and The Power Cow, along with his new operations duties.

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Jackson Launches 100 Homes Program to Provide New Housing for Residents

By Aaron Dimick,
City of Jackson

Public Information Officer

One hundred new homes will be taking shape on vacant lots across the City of Jackson in the coming years, providing affordable housing for residents and rebuilding neighborhoods. The 100 Homes Program is now launching from the City of Jackson Community Development Department after seven months of planning. The program intends to construct 100 single-family houses on vacant lots for qualifying homebuyers, along with providing down-payment assistance.

Seeing a need for more single-family housing in Jackson, the City Council allocated \$2.5 million in American Rescue Plan funds to the newly created 100 Homes Program in March 2023. The initiative is using vacant City-owned residential lots for the new home construction. There are three plans buyers can choose from, which are a mix of one and two-story houses with up to three bedrooms and one and a half baths. All home prices will be capped at \$175,000 to make them affordable for residents. There are income requirements to qualify for the program. The homes will be built in established neighborhoods all over the

City of Jackson, bringing residents closer to essential services like businesses, education, parks, and health care.

The City of Jackson is offering \$25,000 in down payment assistance. Some buyers may also obtain an additional \$10,000 in down payment assistance from the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA). The 100 Homes section of the City website, cityofjackson.org, guides participants through the application process. Prospective buyers will work with a mortgage lender of their choice to buy the property. After a participant is pre-approved for a mortgage, construction will begin. Home selection and location will be determined in collaboration with builders and buyers.

City Grant Coordinator Cory Mays is leading the 100 Homes Program. Mays says the program is already attracting lots of interest. "We've seen around 90 potential buyers apply through the soft opening of this program, so it's encouraging to see people excited to take advantage of this groundbreaking housing effort," Mays said.

City Manager Jonathan Greene thanks City officials and staff for launching this monumental program. "It's important for the City to be a leader in the community for providing affordable housing for our residents," Greene said. "Using American Rescue Plan funds, this

program shows that we're using our available resources to improve the community. The 100 Homes Program will further strengthen our neighborhoods by filling in empty spaces and bringing new residents to Jackson."

Construction on the 100 Homes is expected to start in late 2023 and take place through 2026. Housing efforts from the City are furthering a housing boom in Jackson. So far, in 2023, private developers have bought 12 vacant lots for new home construction. Half of those lots are seeing new home construction, with several already completed and occupied by new residents.



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JPS Welcomes Kelly Crum as the New Director of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Curriculum

Contributed by Jackson Public Schools

Jackson Public Schools is pleased to announce Mrs. Kelly Crum as the new Director of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Curriculum. Crum is a proud alum of Jackson High School, Class of 1987. After high school, she attended Jackson Community College, earning an associate degree in Corrections. Following graduation, she attended Spring Arbor University, receiving her bachelor's degree in sociology and her master's degree in organizational leadership. Crum worked as a health educator for Jackson Public Schools in 2000. In 2003, she began a career with Center for Family Health as a school-based health educator servicing Northeast and Jackson High School. Additionally, she served as a cheer coach at Jackson High from 2003-2013. Crum joined Jackson

College in 2013, serving on the leadership team as the Chief Diversity Officer and Director of Diversity, Equity, and Belonging. It is here where her passion and advocacy for the work of Diversity, Equity, and inclusion evolved. Her purpose, commitment, and dedication have fostered a culture of excellence, respect, and transparency by appreciating differences. As a DEI practitioner, she takes pride in providing a culture of care, ensuring equitable access, and being a resource and a voice for historically marginalized people. Crum is married to her husband, Derrick. She has two adult sons, Timothy (Davina) and Tre' (Amarri), and six grandchildren. "I am excited about the opportunity to come back home," said Mrs. Crum. "JPS is where I received my foundation from so many who helped shape and

mold me into who I am today. It is indeed coming full circle to have the opportunity to return to Jackson Public Schools and bring my experience to serve students, the JPS family, and my community." Jeff Beal, JPS Superintendent, said, "Jackson Public Schools is thrilled to have the opportunity to bring Kelly Crum on board as our new Director of Diversity Equity, Inclusion and Curriculum. As we continue our work to improve the experience for our students, staff, and families, I am excited that Kelly will be able to bring her expertise, energy, and enthusiasm to our District. Bringing Kelly on board at this time allows us to make our programs more inclusive, our opportunities more equitable, and focus our efforts to truly make Jackson Public Schools the place where our community comes together."

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Career Center's 35th Student-Built Home Hits the Real Estate Market

Contributed by the Jackson Area Career Center

It has served as a classroom of sorts for dozens of Jackson County students, and now it's ready for its permanent residents. The 35th home built by students in the Jackson Area Career Center's Construction Trades program is officially for sale.

The four-bedroom, three-and-a-half-bath home is located at 1156 Lexington Boulevard in the desirable Three Forty Farms subdivision in Jackson. Its features include a dual-sided fireplace, lofts in the bedrooms, stainless steel appliances, and a finished lower level with a full kitchen and full bath. The asking price is \$508,500, which is the average of the two independent appraisals that were completed on September 20, 2023.

More than 100 students from area high schools worked on the home over the last six years. This build was longer than a typical site house build due to the pandemic and the challenges that followed. While working on the home, students learn about framing, cement work, roofing, windows, installing doors and drywall, painting, tiling, electrical, putting in hardwood floors and cabinets, and other elements of house construction. The program's 36th site house

build is already underway just up the street from this one, with another empty lot across the street waiting in the wings.

"This program has provided so many opportunities for our students, whether they go into the construction trades or not," said Construction Trades instructor Gary Wrozek. "Through the construction of this house, students now have the knowledge to take with them throughout their lives - whether they do it on their own, work for someone else, own a home, and hire someone to do it - they know what the end result is supposed to be. Plus, they get the satisfaction of seeing what they've created with their own hands - that's the greatest part about it," said Wrozek.

An open house for potential buyers and former students and families is set for Friday, October 27, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. The process to purchase this home is a bit different because it is owned by the Jackson County Intermediate School District. Interested buyers have to submit a bid by November 15, 2023, which will then be considered by the JCISD Board of Education at its November 21, 2023 meeting.

For more information about the home's features and the bid process, visit <https://www.jcisd.org>.



Photos courtesy of the Jackson Area Career Center















College & Career Access Center, November Scholarships

Regeneron Science Talent Search Scholarship

Eligibility:

- Any student who is enrolled in and attending his or her last year of secondary school in the U.S. and its territories may apply.
- Only independent, individual research is eligible.

Description:

Regeneron STS is the nation's oldest and most prestigious science competition for high school seniors, providing an important forum for original research that is recognized and reviewed by a national jury of professional scientists. Alumni have made extraordinary contributions to science and have earned many of the world's most distinguished science and math honors, including thirteen Nobel Prizes. Annually, nearly 2,000 high school seniors from around the country accept the challenge of conducting independent science, math or engineering research and completing an entry for the Regeneron Science Talent Search. The competition recognizes 300 student scholars and their schools each year and invites 40 student finalists to Washington, D.C. to participate in final judging, display their work to the public, and meet with notable scientists and government leaders. Each year, Regeneron STS scholars and finalists compete for \$3.1 million in awards.

For specific rules and guidelines, please visit the sponsor website.

Award: Up to \$250,000

Deadline: November 8, 2023 at 8pm

Application: <https://student.societyforscience.org/regeneron-sts>

Out to Protect Scholarship

Eligibility:

Applicants must:

- identify as gay, lesbian, bi-sexual, or transgender.
- be pursuing a career in law enforcement by putting themselves through a basic training program.
- be currently enrolled in a basic law enforcement training program in the United States.
- demonstrate being a visible, positive role model for law enforcement

Description:

Out to Protect seeks to create greater awareness of gay, lesbian, bi-sexual, and transgender individu-

als working within law enforcement, and to support those pursuing a law enforcement career.

Award: \$1,000

Deadline: We accept applications for all four programs on a continuous basis and typically make awards in June and December.

Application: <https://www.outtoprotect.org/scholarship-information/>

Odenza Marketing Group Scholarship

Eligibility:

- To be considered eligible for the Odenza Marketing Group Fall Scholarship you must:
- Be between the ages of 16 and 25 on the deadline date
- Submit answers to the essay questions, which can be found on the application page, prior to the November 15, 2023 deadline.
- Have at least one full year of post-secondary studies remaining at the time of the award
- Have a GPA of 2.5 or greater.
- Be a citizen of the United States or Canada

Description:

Applicants must write two essays. Every essay must contain three essential elements.

- The essay must provide a thesis statement (in the introductory paragraph). The thesis statement must encapsulate the main argument for the paper. It must be clear and coherent, and it must answer the question that has been put forth on the application.
- The essay must offer supporting evidence. The writer must provide the supporting evidence in paragraph (not "bullet" or list) form. Each paragraph must contain evidence that supports one idea or concept that proves the thesis statement. The writer must provide citations (in footnote, endnote, or paranthetical form) for all evidence presented.
- Every essay must follow basic rules of format and grammar. Every paper must contain a beginning (introductory paragraph), a middle (several supporting paragraphs that comprise the body of the paper), and an end (concluding paragraph). Grammar is vital for essay composition. Sentence fragments, misspellings, and improper punctuation denote a care-

lessly-written and poorly-conceived paper.

Award: \$500

Deadline: November 15, 2023 by 11:59 PM EST

Application: https://www.odenzascholarships.com/awards/8/eligibility_odenza_marketing_group_scholarship.php

Elks National Foundation Most Valuable Student Competition

Eligibility:

- You must be a current high school senior. High school graduates are not eligible.
- You must be a citizen of the United States on the date your application is submitted; permanent legal resident status does not qualify.
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Description:

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Award: \$1,000 - \$7,500 per year

Deadline: November 13, 2023 at 11:59 p.m., Pacific Time.

Application: <https://www.elks.org/scholars/scholarships/mvs.cfm>

Orangesoft Women in Technology Scholarship Program

Eligibility:

- Be a student who is currently studying at or has been accepted to an accredited college or univer-

sity in the United States.

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- Identify as a woman.
- Have a minimum GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.

Description:

Orangesoft offers a scholarship dedicated to female college or university students pursuing STEM, or other technology-related studies and careers. As an Orangesoft Scholar, you will receive new financial opportunities and a chance to participate in the IT industry development.

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Deadline: November 15, 2023

Application: <https://orangesoft.co/scholarship>

James Alan Cox Foundation Scholarship For Student Photojournalists

Details:

Must be at least a high school sophomore or older and have taken at least one photography or related art class. College or technical applicants must have completed at least one year at a recognized college, university or professional school and have taken courses in photography or photojournalism. Graduate students can apply if they are enrolled in a journalism or photojournalism program.

Submit: Completed application, 250 word essay, 2 letters of reference, school transcript, financial data, and your portfolio (5 images or 2 videos).

Award: \$2,500

Deadline: November 15, 2023

Application: <https://www.jamesalancoxfoundation.org/apply/>

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Eligibility:

- Graduate from a U.S. high school in spring 2024
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Application: <https://www.jkcf.org/our-scholarships/college-scholarship-program/>

Education Matters Scholarship

Eligibility:

- Must be a legal resident of the United States.
- Must be at least 14 years of age.
- Must be currently enrolled or will be enrolled in an accredited post-secondary institution of higher education by the year 2027.

Description:

Submit an online short written response (250 words or less) for the question: "What would you say to someone who thinks education doesn't matter, or that college is a waste of time and money?"

Award: \$5,000

Deadline: November 30, 2023

Application: <https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/our-scholarships/education-matters-scholarship>

Emery Reddy Legal Studies Scholarship

Eligibility:

- Student must be a U.S. citizen or a permanent resident;
- Student must be currently enrolled in or recently accepted to an accredited U.S. law school (Legal Studies scholarship) or accredited U.S. college or university (Undergraduate scholarship);
- Winner(s) will be required to provide proof of residency and enrollment or acceptance.

Description:

Students must submit an original and compelling essay of 400-600 words answering the essay prompt below. Essays should follow a basic essay and paragraph format including an introduction with body paragraphs and a conclusion. Creativity is encouraged!

Award: \$1,000 - \$2,000

Deadline: November 30, 2023

Application: <https://www.emeryreddy.com/scholarship/>

Imagine Planet: Slow and Steady Wins the Race

By Jean McKim,
Imagine Planet

Unfortunately, we missed the opportunity to witness the annular eclipse here in Michigan. However, there's another chance coming up with the total solar eclipse scheduled for April 2024. This month, on November 18th, from 12 to 5, we're hosting our next theme day focused on Space Exploration. Join us for a variety of interactive activities provided by NASA and the NISE Network (National Informal STEM Education Network). I'm particularly excited about one activity that delves into how astronauts recycle oxygen in space.

It's been a while since I have discussed an animal here, so I've decided to showcase our tortoises. Currently, we have six tortoises, representing five different species. In the broadest sense, a tortoise is a type of turtle that primarily inhabits land. The term "tortoise" is typically reserved for members of the Testudinidae family, excluding our Eastern Box Turtle. Like the box turtle and other terrestrial turtles, tortoises have a high-domed shell, with the pancake tortoise being an exception. The hind legs of a tortoise resemble those of an elephant.

Tortoises are exclusively terrestrial and can be found on all continents except Australia and Antarctica. They also inhabit various islands, though many island populations and species have become extinct due to human occupation. There are at least 15 genera of living tortoises, with approximately 49 species, ranging in size from 10 to 15 cm (4 to 6 inches) in shell length to giant island tortoises with shells over 1 meter (3.3 feet) long. Tortoises inhabit a range of environments, from deserts to wet tropical forests. Most tortoises are herbivores and consume foliage, flowers, and

fruits, though some species in moist forest habitats are more opportunistic and may consume animal matter.

Our current tortoises are Rockette and Sandy, both of which are Sulcata tortoises. Sandy is quite small, while Rockette is growing rapidly. The Sulcata tortoise ranks as the third largest tortoise globally and can reach up to 200

large quickly, and in Michigan, it's challenging to house them outdoors year-round. They are often the most affordable tortoise to purchase. It's worth noting that they are also skilled diggers and, when large enough, can penetrate drywall and even the foundations of a house. I personally had a hole in my bathroom for a significant period, courtesy of a Sulcata.

For those looking for alternative pet tortoise options, some of our other animal ambassadors are available. Ivan, the Russian tortoise, will reach a size of 1 to 2 pounds and can live for more than 20 years. Herman, the Hermann's tortoise, and Ember, our red-footed tortoise, are also reasonable choices, with sizes up to 11 inches and lifespans of around 20 years. We also have Elongated Man (thanks for the name, Onyx), an Elongated tortoise, which requires a higher level of humidity than the others and will grow to about 7 pounds, with a potential lifespan of 40 years.

Owning a tortoise as a pet represents a long-term commitment. While there are many commercial tortoise foods available, each species has unique dietary requirements, with some needing more fruit than others, which should be provided sparingly. You'll quickly learn how to obtain cost-effective romaine lettuce or kale. We, for instance, buy our

timothy hay by the bale. The most critical advice I can offer is to conduct thorough research and avoid making impulsive purchases or adoptions. When done correctly, having a tortoise as a pet can be a rewarding experience.

We hope to see you on November 18th for Space Exploration Day at Imagine Planet. Our facility is open from 12 to 5 on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, and admission is always free. Donations are greatly appreciated.



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pounds, although they usually spend most of their lives in the 100-pound range. Their lifespan in captivity is still uncertain as they haven't been raised from birth with proper care for a significant duration, but estimates range from 70 to 100 years. The average lifespan is somewhat lower due to many young ones perishing from inadequate care, skewing the numbers. While they breed easily in captivity, we do not recommend them as pets, especially for first-time tortoise owners, as they can grow quite

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Take Time for Fall & Dive into Your Senses

By Trista Rink,
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Fall is here, whether you are ready for it or dreading it. I'm sure you've heard the saying, "stop and smell the flowers," but have you ever done it? Right now is a great time to take time for fall! Really dive in with all your senses, and have your child join you! There's so much to experience and learn, and it can be a cost-free adventure!

Take a walk through the park, down the street, or even in your own yard. Listen to the leaves crunch beneath your feet, or maybe not that they are not crunching because they're wet. Check out all the beautiful colors of the leaves. Compare and contrast the

leaves that have fallen with the ones that have not. Leaves can display a stunning array of colors, sometimes even within a single leaf! Smell the air - does



it smell cold, like rain, or possibly like smoke from a bonfire? Taste different apples and compare the red, yellow, and green! Which ones are sweeter? Try tast-

ing the inside of a pumpkin or cooking its seeds for a delicious snack. Feel the air around you. Talk about the cold, the wind, or the unexpected warm day. Experience the rustle and crinkle of leaves between your fingers when you're bagging them. Look up and observe what leaves remain on the trees. Can you spot any nests that you hadn't noticed before in the branches?

Just taking a moment to talk with our children about the senses we experience during the changing seasons provides them with so much language and gives us adults a much-needed moment of peace and appreciation for our environment. I challenge you to take time for fall today!

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