

Curses, foiled again, as sleuth visits library

Traveling company puts on play

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Kids were treated to a visit by the master sleuth, Sherlock Holmes, in a children's play put on by the Traveling Lantern Theatre Company on Tuesday as part of the Goodland Public Library's summer reading program.

"Sherlock Holmes and the Case of the Dastardly Diary" pitted the super sleuth, played by Christopher Markham, against his arch enemy, Prof. James Moriarty, played by Tamara Torok. Torok and Markham also play other parts.

In the play, Inspector Lestrade brings the almost 300-year old diary of 13-year-old Queen Elizabeth I to Holmes to figure out who had stolen the book from the London Library.

Holmes deduces that the book was taken by a left-handed man who smokes expensive Cuban cigars and that the pages for Dec. 14, 15 and 16 are missing.

Holmes, with his partner, Dr. John Watson, played by Elizabeth Fulcher, talk to the librarian, Miss Crankshaft, who said one key for the archived books was locked in the safe and Henry Higgins Heathcliff had the other.

Heathcliff's fiancée, Lydia Lamptree, said that Heathcliff had disappeared three weeks ago. A ransom note asked her to take the diary in return for her fiancée, who never came back. Holmes had figured out that the diary told of a secret passage in the Tower of London that Elizabeth had to use to hide in as Watson read the two days previous to the missing pages.

The Tower of London was home



Sherlock Holmes, played by Christopher Markham, talked over details of the "Case of the Dastardly Diary" with Dr. Watson, played

by Elizabeth Fulcher, during a special presentation for young readers at the Goodland Public Library last Monday.

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to the crown jewels. Moriarty comes through the secret passage to be foiled by Holmes posing as a professor reading "The Raven" by Edgar Allen Poe. Holmes fights off the sword-slinging Moriarty to save the day.

Moriarty says "Curses, foiled

again."

The group, based out of San Diego, does children's theater all over the country. Torok said she lives and performs out of Chicago. She graduated from the University of Arizona with a Bachelor of Fine Arts, the Goldstone and Johnson

School for Mimes and the Second City Conservatory and is certified as a stage combatant.

Markham, from Virginia, said he helped write, direct and perform with the Wayside Player's debut production of "Fractured Fairy Tales." He was a singing Elvis di-

nosaur with the Timestop Players in Chicago and spent three years performing in plays on electrical safety with the National Theatre for Children.

Sherlock Holmes was created by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, a British writer, in the 1890s.

J.C. Penney manager adjusting to small-town life

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She may be used to the city, but J.C. Penney's new manager is finding plenty to like in our rural area.

Lorri Madden, new cluster manager for the Goodland and McCook, Neb., Penney stores, brings 27 years of retail experience, and 24 in management, to the job. Her resume includes 10 years at Sears in Durham, N.C.; 3 1/2 years at Henry's, a specialty store in Wichita; 2 1/2 years at Dillard's in Wichita; and 2 1/2 years at J.C. Penney in Wichita.

She said she is adjusting to managing two small-town stores after managing the Wichita store with 191 associates, but it is a welcome change. Madden said she grew up on a farm and her husband Thomas grew up in Buffalo Valley, Okla., a town with about 200 people.

"We're excited about the small-town environment," she said, adding that they haven't chosen a home yet but plan to live within 30 miles of McCook.

"I have to be close for response time for emergencies," she said. "It's my main store."

Mrs. Madden said she has found many things she likes about Goodland, including the people, the food and places to shop.

"I've met so many people here," she said, "and no one that wasn't just fabulous to talk to."

They make the best breakfast burrito at the Cowboy Loop, she said, adding that she can't wait to get there in the morning. And the Almond Tree (next to J.C. Penney) is one of the neatest little specialty stores, Madden said.

"I don't dare go in there," she said. "I don't have a home yet, but

it will be great for decorating when I do. I'll be doing a lot of shopping here."

Madden said she started work here June 4 and has been living in a hotel. Her husband is still in Wichita with their "family," three dogs and three cats. She has a daughter, Shenelle, 29, and her husband has a son, Jason, 11, and daughter, Kristen, 9, who live with their mom. They have a grandson, Calam.

"We had both step-children for a year and a half," she said. "I was grandma and mom. We have three dogs and three cats — that is our family."

Her husband has worked as a warehouse manager and construction worker and was a full-time student, majoring in computer electronics for medical facilities.

There is a high demand for that in Wichita area, she said. There are no plans to move or enlarge the Goodland store, Madden said, and definitely not to close it. Madden



Madden

matters of record

Goodland Police

The following crimes have been reported to the Goodland Police Department:

June 11 — 1:47 a.m., 1524 Broadway, Danyale Nothdurft reported a burglary and theft.

June 12 — 6:19 a.m., 813 1/2 Broadway, arrested Gary Searle, Jr. on a warrant. Case referred to county attorney.

June 13 — 5:38 a.m., 1602 Main,

Toni Espinoza was a victim of disorderly conduct. Case referred to city attorney.

6:29 a.m., 216 E. 3, report of criminal damage to Sherman County property.

9:06 a.m., 611 Sherman, Ronald Weber reported criminal damage to property.

9:14 a.m., 223 W. 5, Roberta Colson reported criminal damage to property.

2:15 p.m., 1631 Main, Dominga Reyna reported a vehicle theft.

6:25 p.m., 1401 Cherry, Amber Webster reported criminal damage to property.

June 14 — 1:18 a.m., 1602 Main, James L. Wilson was a victim of battery. Case referred to city attorney.

11:58 a.m., 508 E. 11, Stacey Kaliher reported criminal damage to property.

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Priest from India

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Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic had a visiting priest, the Rev. John Kandathinkara from India, when Father Norbet Dlabal was on vacation in June.

Father John said he has been in the U.S. finishing his doctorate in psychology. After leaving Goodland, he planned to go to California and then Baltimore before going back to India.

He said he has been in India the seven years but the previous nine he spent in the Connecticut and Baltimore area. As a Vincentian Missionary and priest for 23 years, he preached at retreats for groups such as teachers and was a spiritual advisor for up to 60 seminarians and 30 theologians.

"India is 80 percent Hindu, 13 percent Moslem and 3 percent Christian," he said. "It is very difficult to convert Moslems. There is persecution of Christians because they do charitable work and are agents of change. In mission work, we help set up village cooperative associations and help poor people learn how to manage money.

"The poor are very scared, but many are coming forward. Christians lead the way for social change.

"The fundamentalist and rich Hindus are concerned about losing their power."

"Hinduism is a way of life and is not a united religion. There are plenty of Gods," he said. "It's mostly cultural and a way of life rather than a religion."

Father John said hardcore Hindus are nonviolent.

In the northern states of India, Christianity has roots going back to St. Thomas, who came as a missionary in 32 A.D., he said. In early times, he said, high-caste Hindus liked to keep around a Christian so they did not have to bathe seven times after they touched a person of a lower caste. They believed touching a Christian purified them.

Father John said his parents are dead but he has three sisters and a brother. His oldest sister is a Franciscan nun.

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