

Artesia boy, dog 'Keillor' part of national radio show today

BY RANDY MILLIGAN
CURRENT-ARGUS STAFF WRITER

ARTESIA — Today's Garrison Keillor radio program "A Prairie Home Companion" on KENW, 98.7 FM, will feature Artesia's Robby Schuetz as a special guest. That is Robby — and his dog, Keillor.

The program airs from 4 to 6 p.m.

Schuetz, 12, has been a Garrison Keillor fan ever since he first heard his storytelling on the radio while travelling back from a mountain excursion. His parents, James and Sandy Schuetz, have always been fans and they got their son interested in the program. He now has every Keillor tape available and collects all sorts of Lake Wobegon collectibles, part of another Keillor radio show.

"I e-mailed Mr. Keillor about my dog and I sent him a picture of me and Keillor and now apparently he wants to talk to me, I guess," the Zia



Current-Argus photo/Alfred J. Hernandez

Robby Schuetz plays with his dog Keillor at J.C. Park in Artesia Friday morning. Schuetz will be a guest on the Prairie Home Companion radio show hosted by Garrison Keillor after whom the dog is named.

Intermediate School student don't my friends like Garrison said.

"He asked me, 'Mom, why

Please see KEILLOR on 2A

"He gets frustrated and then goes out looking though, but for the sake of the child."

Keillor

Continued from page 1A

Keillor? And I told him that it's probably because they've never listened to him," his mother said.

Mrs. Schuetz received an e-mail from Virginia McReynolds, KNEW's station manager, that said Stevie Beck, one of the producers for "Prairie Home Companion," had called and said that Mr. Keillor had dropped Robby's latest letter and photo of him and his dog on her desk and told her that he wanted to talk to Robby on the show this Saturday from Portland, Maine.

Garrison Keillor has worked with Minnesota

Public Radio since 1969 and hosted his first broadcast of "A Prairie Home Companion" in 1974. It is now heard each week by more than two million listeners on nearly 425 public radio stations.

Keillor's recording of "Lake Wobegon Days" received a Grammy Award and in 1994 he was inducted into the Radio Hall of Fame.

His wonderful old-time radio variety show is reminiscent of the golden age of radio when families would gather around and listen and laugh and sing together.