'Prairie Home Companion' sends out tickets

BUTTE (AP) — Six-hundred requests for 1,200 tickets to Garrison Keillor's "A Prairie Home Companion" radio show June 5 at the Mother Lode Theater in Butte could not be filled, officials said Monday.

Linda Talbott, assistant director of development for KUFM radio in Missoula, said 2,450 tickets were mailed to 1,270 parties selected by random drawing.

"We could have almost filled another show," Talbott said.

Requests came from all over Montana and various other states across the country, she said.

"I think that of the towns in Montana that were possible, they were interested in Butte because of its rich history," Talbott said. "It was much more interesting than some of the larger towns may have been."