

An obligation to share

By **Tony Borreson**
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Garrison Keillor has always been a Democrat at heart. The 64-year-old entertainer, who is famous for his weekly radio show, "A Prairie Home Companion," grew up in Anoka, Minn., with five siblings. There, he said, he learned to wait his turn and "not take all the cookies on the plate," a tenet of the Democrat's philosophy.

Keillor will speak Monday night at Winona State University's Somsen Hall Auditorium on nothing in particular, he said. The only goal of his extemporaneous address is to rally support for the DFL. Keillor, who had a fundamentalist Christian upbringing, also said his political views are a natural progression of his faith. The teachings of the gospel tend to produce a natural "aversion to conspicuous consumption and wealth" and an "obligation to share what you have," he said.

Keillor has written nearly a dozen books. In 1974, he launched a radio show, which include his monologues on the fictional town of Lake Wobegon. Keillor said he uses what he has to fulfill his obligation to create the greatest good for society, tithing at his Episcopalian church and by giving all the proceeds of his 2004 memoir, "Homegrown Democrat," to various Democratic candidates.

Garrison Keillor, 64, will speak Monday night at Winona State University's Somsen Hall Auditorium. The entertainer said he has nothing in particular to talk about.



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IF YOU GO

What: DFL fundraiser talk by Garrison Keillor
When: 7 p.m. Monday
Where: Somsen Auditorium, corner of Johnson and Sanborn on the Winona State University campus
Tickets: \$15 from Winona County DFL office, 685 W Fifth St., or at the door
Etc.: Call (507) 474-6099