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Together we make GREAT radio!

News from the Director



**General Manager
and Program
Director,
James "Gully"
Gullickson**

Greetings, listeners and friends of KMSU! As you may have heard, the Minnesota State Legislature and Governor Dayton cannot come to an agreement on the state budget. This puts KMSU in somewhat of an awkward position. If the budget issue is not resolved by June 30, it is unclear whether MNSCU institutions will be allowed to continue operating. KMSU radio will stay on-air, but it is uncertain whether students or support staff will be available. Additionally, the dispositions of three state grants are currently pending for KMSU due to the budget impasse. Once again, we will stay on the air, regardless of the outcome... or lack thereof!

On the positive side of things, KMSK-FM 91.3 in Austin, MN now has a functioning local studio at Riverland Community College! The studio has been tested and it works! Our first volunteer program has been produced, and there will be more to follow! Local program broadcasts will likely start in July for KMSK-Austin.



KMSK studio in Austin, MN

All of us at KMSU are grateful for your continued support and encouragement!

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June's Featured Shows

Listen to Your Folks: Folk/Americana music hosted by MSU's own Speech Communications faculty member Dave Engen. Airs Sundays from 9 A.M.—10 A.M. Blog: www.listentoyourfolks.blogspot.com

True Punks Do Electro: Electro/ Experimental/ Live Electronics. Tune in from midnight—1 A.M. on Saturdays to hear sweet mixes by Matty V., aM:oNe, Z, and the mecaneer. Samples: www.soundcloud.com/true-punks-do-electro

Thoughts from KMSU Listeners

"I enjoy listening to KMSU because it provides quality alternative music that you might not get with many other radio stations. I also like that it gives the listeners info about what's going on in the Mankato area because it promotes community improvement!" **Adam Scheid, Microbiology Major**

"It has been fantastic working at KMSU so far this summer. I love going home at night and flipping on the radio and knowing that I am a part of something so awesome that reaches people all over the community." **Anna Stanek, KMSU student employee**

Who's Who at KMSU



Barb Lamson
"Gardening with Barb"

What does it take to be a Master Gardener? A heck of a lot of time, dedication, and a love for gardening, according to KMSU's own Barb Lamson, who has been a Master Gardener for 29 years. Barb has the low-down on flowers, veggies, and herbs twice a week on Minnesota Morning. On Mondays, you can catch her and another master gardener during a five-minute segment at 10:30 a.m., and her newest segment occurs live on Minnesota Morning with Karen Wright every Friday from 9:35-10 a.m.

The short segment isn't anything new, as Barb has been contributing to KMSU for 25 years. The live segment, though, just began a little over a month ago, and features Barb and Karen discussing various gardening tips and answering calls and e-mails from KMSU listeners. "I just love it," Barb says over and over. "It shows that people are listening and interested in gardening."

The Master Gardener Program takes place at the University of Minnesota, which requires students to participate in a certain number of hours of formal education on the ins and outs of gardening before receiving their certification. After being certified, students must annually log 40 hours of volunteer work to stay current on gardening techniques, as well as continue education credits. During the volunteer hours, the Master Gardeners help others around the community build their own gardens. "We won't plant your garden for you, though," Barb says, chuckling. They assist in things like plant placement, identification of diseases, how to deal with insects, etc. Each Master Gardener also has a specialty. Barb's favorites are perennial plants and vegetables, using only organic techniques.

Now that she is retired, Barb volunteers as a receptionist at KMSU every Friday morning, along with co-hosting the new segment. She encourages listeners to call in or send e-mails to [Karen](#) with questions that she can answer during that half hour. "Everyone should be growing a garden," she says, "even if it's in containers!"



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Together We Make Great Radio!

KMSU 89.7 FM / KMSK 91.3 FM is a non-profit, commercial-free, Independent Public Radio station serving south-central Minnesota with a blend of cultural, news and artistic programming that's unique to the region.



KMSU is a member of [ampers](#), a network of 12 independently licensed and managed, community-based public radio stations in Minnesota. KMSU annually provides more than 450 hours of free air time for organizations and causes—equivalent to nearly 18 full days of local public service programming, valued at over \$25,000 annually.



How You Can Help

KMSU is always looking for volunteers to help with daily tasks around the station and with upcoming events. If you would like to share your time and talent, contact [Jim Gullickson](#) or [Karen Wright](#) at (507) 389-5678.