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Steve Hemmingsen has spent 40 years in television and radio broadcasting in Minnesota and South Dakota, the last 34 years with KELO in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Most of that time he was anchor and managing editor of the 6 and 10 o'clock newscasts, retiring from day-to-day participation in 2000.

In that time, he has covered such stories as the Wounded Knee Takeover, the Rapid City Flood, the plane crash that killed South Dakota Governor George Mickelson, and the recent trial of former Congressman Bill Janklow. He once mediated a prison riot at the South Dakota State Penitentiary, going in among the prisoners.

Hemmingsen still works on political coverage at KELO, including the "First Monday" discussion program and writes a wide-ranging column on the station web page.