

Jeff Around Town – June 3rd, 2025

Jeff: Time for Jeff Around Town. Joining me is Becky Lowe. Becky is new to KVNO in development, working with Ben Rasmussen, you're an assistant in development. And yeah, welcome, Becky.

Becky: Thank you, Jeff. I'm so happy to be here.

Jeff: Yeah, so folks might have heard you during the Spring Fund Drive.

Becky: Yep.

Jeff: But otherwise, you're mostly working behind the scenes.

Becky: That's right. Yeah.

Jeff: And you joined us in...

Becky: February.

Jeff: February. So you had a music background, and you were a fan of KVNO before you worked here.

Becky: Oh, for sure. Yeah, I loved listening to KVNO. And I, yeah, I was a singer in another life. I mean, I guess not really another life, but I started out as a singer in, I went to St. Olaf College, and I was a music major there and sang in the choir. And then I graduated and moved to the Twin Cities, Minneapolis, St. Paul. And I sang with the Dale Worland Singers and just kind of around town. And then moved here and sang with Opera Omaha and Lincoln down a little bit. I did the Mozart's Requiem at the Lied Center.

Jeff: What was that like when you were in the chorus for that?

Becky: It was so dreamy. I was actually; I got to be the soloist in the Mozart Requiem.

Jeff: Wow.

Becky: It was so neat to come back home to... I grew up in Lincoln. So, it was really fun to come back home to Lincoln and sing in the Lied Center on the stage after being there when I was in high school. And it opened while I lived in Lincoln.

Jeff: That's giving me chills just thinking about it because as someone who's been, you know, who's been able to hear that in the audience, but to be on that stage just sounds powerful.

Becky: Yeah. Yeah. So, I've been in the chorus and the soloist. And yeah, so I've done, I've done it all. I love the Mozart Requiem.

Jeff: So, one of the things we realized after you started working here is that briefly, briefly we were neighbors in Dundee.

Becky: Yes.

Jeff: We didn't meet, but you moved into the neighborhood behind my house in Dundee. And then about a month later I moved. So, our paths didn't cross at that point.

Becky: Yeah, unfortunately.

Jeff: But we were briefly, yeah. One of the things I miss about... I live in another neighborhood now in Hanscom Park area, but I love walking our dog. We had an Australian Shepherd and walking through Dundee, past Blue Line, going up to Memorial Park.

Becky: Oh, for sure.

Jeff: Yeah. And you're a... you're a dog owner.

Becky: I am a dog owner. Yes. We, my husband and I, we decided to move home to Nebraska after living in the Twin Cities because he's from Omaha originally and I'm from Lincoln. And so, yeah, so we moved into Omaha and did everything all at once. We bought a house and then we got a dog and then we found out.

Jeff: Of course, that's what you have to do.

Becky: Yeah. And then we found out we were pregnant. So, it was just kind of... it all happened at once, but yeah, we had this wonderful dog that needed lots of exercise and it was just, it was just so, such a great way to get to know Omaha because it's, you know, it's, it was relatively new to me at the time. And so yeah, just walking around just such a beautiful neighborhood and.

Jeff: What kind of dog was it?

Becky: He was a Vizsla and a Lab Mix. So, he was very athletic. And then... so I walked him when the kids were little and we would just walk over to Memorial all the time when, you know, starting when they were infants and then, and then I had this really cool stroller that had, you know, a front and a back so I could carry both.

Jeff: So, I'm guessing that the neighbors would stop you, people, strangers on the street on Underwood Avenue would just say, "Hey, cute babies, dog, the whole thing."

Becky: Yes. Yeah. It was kind of funny because people often commented on the dog more than they commented on the baby because dogs are just... they just, people are just drawn to dogs.

Jeff: There's something about that experience though of... of walking around. I love just to walk, but then when you have a dog, it's a great way to meet people.

Becky: It sure is.

Jeff: And to connect with other people.

Becky: Yes. It's how I've gotten to know so many of my neighbors and we just, we have a really great block. We have a... we have a block party every year. And, and yeah. And then

just getting to know people up and down the way. Cause I would, you know, basically kind of take the same path every day. Walk over to Memorial Park.

Jeff: Yeah.

Becky: Memorial Park is just so special to me because it has the Rose Garden and then they built that playground that's there right before my oldest, Hugh was born. So, I feel like they built it for me.

Jeff: You get the house, you have the baby, the dog and the playground.

Becky: It's just all meant to be.

Jeff: Becky Lowe. Thanks. Thanks so much for being on Jeff Around Town.

Becky: You're welcome, Jeff. Thanks for having me.

Jeff: Of course.