

Clearly Kosciusko Podcast Series

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Episode 29: Rod Wildman – A mission to empower families and disrupt the cycle of poverty

- Rod Wildman is a Kosciusko County native, and co-founder of [2nd Mile Missions](#).
- The organization began after Rod and his wife, Nancy took a trip to the Dominican Republic. The mission of the organization is “To spread the love of Christ by disrupting the cycle of poverty in the communities we serve. We will do this by providing children and adults educational resources, spiritual enrichment, and employment and business opportunities.”
- 2nd Mile Missions opened its first school in the Dominican in 2007, serving 60 children. Today, they serve more than 1,000 kids at school, and would like to build a new high school in the next couple of years.
- Vida Plena, also part of 2nd Mile Missions, was created to give women dignified employment. Support these women through the Vida Plena on-line [store](#).
- Rod expressed his gratitude to the Kosciusko County community, sharing that around 90% of the sponsorships for students come from donors/sponsors in Kosciusko County.
- When asked what kind of transformation Rod has seen in the community throughout the years, he said [The Village at Winona](#) and [Grace College](#) have really grown and evolved in positive ways.
- Rod recommended checking out the local mountain bike [trails](#), and [Trailhouse Village Bicycles](#). Jody and Rod both noted that if you talk to Barry at Trailhouse, he will help connect you to people and places if you have a passion for the trails and biking.

Are you new to the area? Get plugged in and connect with new people by joining KEDCO and other local residents at our “[Outside the Fishbowl](#)” meetups. Learn more about KEDCO’s [Talent Initiative](#) and how we’re welcoming new residents to K-County.

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Episode 30: Mindy Truex – “All things eggs” and a nationally ranked family business

- Mindy Truex is a Kosciusko County native and President of [Creighton Brothers LLC](#). Ranked 28th in the nation for egg production, Warsaw-based Creighton Brothers produces roughly 3 million eggs per day!
- Kosciusko County is home to Mindy. She was born and raised south of Atwood, IN. She spent time in West Lafayette when she attended [Purdue University](#), and later ventured to Washington State to garner some new experience at a farm south of Tacoma, but returned home to be a part of the family business.
- Creighton’s doesn’t typically sell eggs directly to consumers, however you can purchase them when you visit Creighton’s [Crazy Egg Café](#).
- You’ll have to tune-in to hear from Mindy what came first, the chicken or the egg, AND Mindy shares some fun facts about the shelf life of eggs and some baking hacks!
- Mindy recommends The American Egg Board (www.incredibleegg.org) as a resource for “all things eggs.”
- One of many things Mindy appreciates about Kosciusko County is its diversity, from its roots in agriculture, to the lakes, and being a “year-round” community that offers so much during every season.

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Episode 31: Ryan Hill – Building community in the gym in a community he loves

- [Ryan Hill](#) is a Warsaw native, and owner of [CrossFit Haymaker](#) (since 2013) located in Warsaw.
- Ryan grew up in a family devoted to martial arts. Ryan has two world titles for Taekwondo, and of his five family members growing up, they have six titles.
- After spending some time on the west coast and choosing to return to Warsaw, Ryan said, “[My] roots are here, I absolutely love this area.”
- Ryan encourages you to check out the charm of Downtown Warsaw. and Ryan suggests trying [Biryani Kitchen](#), [110 Craft Meastery](#), and [Rua](#) downtown; and [Light Rail Café](#) and [Trailhouse Bicycles](#) in the [Village at Winona](#).
- Want to learn more about Kosciusko County and connect with new people? Check out KEDCO’s “Outside the Fishbowl” [monthly meetups](#) for newcomers. If you’ve never been to Kosciusko County, and might consider a move in the future, contact KEDCO for a customized [community tour](#).