

Milan, Minnesota

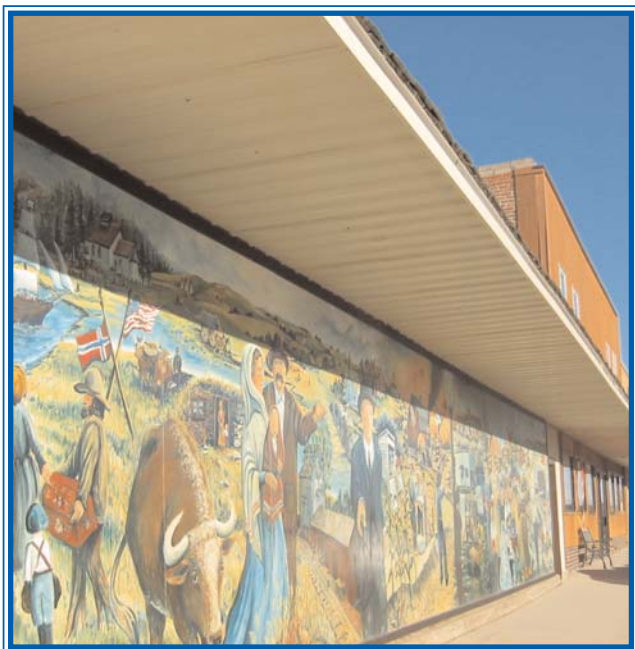
Milan is a community that has a history of being proactive and progressive. The city places great emphasis on proper planning, goal setting, creating coalitions and “networking.” The city of Milan, population 326, is an advocate of the JOBZ Initiative Program in Minnesota. JOBZ is an economic stimulus program developed by the state of Minnesota to encourage and stimulate economic growth and stability in rural economically depressed areas. The community values the JOBZ Program and sees it as a key component in the enrichment of their economic future. After completing the application process, Milan was able to utilize the JOBZ Program and attracted an industry, Twin Rivers Technology, a company that specializes in the manufacturing of medical supplies and devices.

The city of Milan has retained the flavor of a small ethnic village that is proud of its heritage. Many esteemed artists have made their home in Milan as it is a flourishing arts and cultural community. Local residents established the Milan Village Arts School for economic development and the historical preservation of traditional Scandinavian arts and crafts. The city of Milan provided the location, funding and assisted with the recruitment of local volunteers for operational efforts for the school. The school continues to flourish and is viewed as not only an asset to Milan but an asset to the entire region.

For more information about the city of Milan, visit their website at <http://milan.govoffice.com/>.



The Milan Village Arts School promotes creativity and expression while preserving the Scandinavian culture for future generations.



The Milan Mural on Main Street is a visual representation of the city's rich history and diversity.

The Arv Hus Museum, located in the heart of downtown Milan, showcases local area history and preserves the community's Scandinavian heritage. The museum has an extensive collection of early photographs of the area, a video room dedicated to showing selected videos/home movies of the area and local artifacts. Billy Thompson Jr., the curator of the museum and an asset to the Milan community, loves to tell stories of the area and the materials in the museum.

Prairie Sun Bank, the single financial institution in Milan, has taken an active roll in the community. Not only has Prairie Sun funded various projects over the years, bank leadership is extremely involved in volunteer activities and community planning. Economic and philanthropic emphasis is the basis of the bank's business philosophy.

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