Super Bowl ad leads to new campaign for the city of Winona

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Peanut, Doritos, Google and Winona. All of these have the 2020 Super Bowl in common. It’s not every day Winona is viewed by millions, so when it is, the town of Winona is abuzz.

In response to SquareSpace’s ad featuring Winona Ryder and Winona, MN for the Super Bowl, Visit Winona made a SqueezeSpace page of their own called “Welcome to the Rest of Winona” that shows off a bit more of Winona’s character.

Executive director for Visit Winona, Pat Mutter, said Visit Winona wanted to provide a fun and playful way to get in on the commercial and show off the rest of Winona.

“We are thrilled to have had the opportunity for Winona to appear in the Super Bowl and we know that this actress is beloved. I mean she is such a name and she’s been associated with this town and we have been very happy because we’ve always said, ‘wouldn’t it be fun to get Winona back to Winona’ and here it was, it happened,” Mutter said.

Visit Winona works to market and promote Winona as a travel destination, so the opportunity to let everyone see all of Winona is important to them.

“We thought it would be fun to be able to showcase Winona in all its beauty and different facets that the actual ad wouldn’t be able to do,” Mutter said.

As a part of Visit Winona’s new page, they also started a photography campaign that allows people to show off what their personal Winona looks like.

“We wanted a very playful response and how do we not just Visit Winona as a town, but other people who know Winona to be able to participate in this very fun, playful way that could help people to spread the word and get to know Winona,” Mutter said.

To have a photograph considered for the book anyone can use the hashtag twelcetownie on their photo and tag it@VisitWinona on Facebook, Instagram or Twitter.

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Baseball

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After Winona State added an insurance run in the top of the seventh on a sac fly by senior first base Sam Kohlhe, Pittsburg State’s offense was able to get to the Warrior bullpen.

In his second inning, first-year pitcher Bailey Banaszynski was charged with a pair of runs as the Gorillas made it a 3-2 affair. However, the rookie right-hander was able to work out of trouble in the bottom of the seventh to keep the lead intact.

Sophomore pitcher Justin Firpo worked a scoreless eighth inning for the Warriors before handing over the ball to Herold for the final three innings and outscored the Gorillas 10-9 despite trailing the Gorillas, 3-1, after two innings.

Junior pitcher Dillon Whittaker charged with a pair of runs as the Gorillas made it a 3-2 affair. However, Winona State proved it was the better team in the second game with a 10-3 win to take the series.

Junior pitcher Austin Savary was the game two winner, tossing four scoreless innings in relief of sophomore pitcher Kyle Gendron. Junior pitcher Dillon Whittaker pitched well enough to earn a win in game one, but was saddled with a no decision after the Gorillas jumped on closer.

The Warriors scored early and often in game one, plating six runs over the first two innings. Herbst added a would-be insurance run in the top of the ninth with an RBI-triple, Winona State’s second three-bagger of the affair, but it was not enough.

Williams went 3-for-5 with a pair of RBI in the opener while Kohnle was four for five with three RBI. In game two, the Warriors scratched the plate in the first inning for the third straight ballgame, but found themselves trailing the Gorillas, 3-1, after two innings.

An RBI-double by Kohlhe knotted the score in the top of the sixth before the Winona State offense broke out late. The Warriors plated eight runs over the final three innings and outscored the Gorillas making it a 9-3 final. The Warriors return to the road next weekend looking for a four-game series sweep scheduled at Drury University on February 14 to 16.

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Winona State University’s security department will be hosting an active shooter response training class on Feb. 17. From 3:30-5:30 p.m. in Minne Hall 103, up to 50 participants will have the opportunity to learn response training techniques.

The class will provide training in preparing and planning for the graphics of certain communities. Based on the population and demographic data, the team is flexible with which parts of the class attendees feel comfortable taking part in and have had people sit back and watch, rather than participate first-hand in some demonstrations.

The professional Winona State security members have each gone through response training like this class. There are four professional security staff members at Winona State alongside about 60 security student workers.

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For every missed person, Minnesota loses $20,000 over the next ten years.

Weber said there is a lot of misinformation surrounding the census, especially regarding people’s privacy.

“The census is completely safe and secure; it’s not given out,” Weber said. “The census is prohibited by law from sharing that individual specific information with anybody else. They can’t share it with customs and immigration, the IRS, with law enforcement or any other body else. They can’t share it with the government representation is decided, important, because it’s how government is decided, how much money [the state receives],” Weber said. “Wherever you live in the U.S., dollars are tied to the count for that community.

There’s lots of programs both at the state and federal level that look at the census data and they decide how much money [the state receives],” Weber said. “Wherever you live in the U.S., dollars are tied to the count for that community.

The purpose of the census is to get an accurate count.”

In the United States Census will take place this year. The United States census is taken every ten years in order to get an estimate of how many people are living in the United States. The census is household-based, which means only one person needs to complete the census per household.

Winona State has a Complete Count Committee which helps to ensure that every person is counted.

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Winona State students take part in new winter sport

A new winter sport is being discussed by Student Senate on Wednesday, February 5 during their weekly meeting to help deal with supporting sustainability as well as the right way to recycle. The task force would take charge in helping educate students on recycling various wastes. Other topics being discussed includes a request for 3% tuition increase for Technical Support.

Horoscopes

Kalli O’Brien

“The horses and cramps on which go on the tips of your shoes and those are what you use for your feet to jam into the ice, and then you have ice tools like axes that can slice, and a helmet and a harness,” Weiss said. Zwiener said that students are getting a great deal with ice farming through Winona State.

The boots and crampons alone cost about $600 if you were to purchase those, and the ice tools are about $300 apiece, so you are equipping you with about $1000 worth of equipment for $25,” Zwiener said.

To climb the ice wall, Zwiener said that the student starts at the very bottom of the wall and then steadily moves up to the top. Their harness cables are attached to a large anchor on the very top of the bluff. “Our boss goes up and sets up top ropes, so we have a permanent anchor tied to the trees and we have a rope coming down and one at end is connected to the belayer and the other side is tied onto the harness. From the bottom, you clamber up with your ice axes and when you’re done, we lower you down,” Zwiener said.

The most enticing aspect of this new sport, besides it being so unique to the Midwest, is the fact that it can accommodate any levels of fitness; the student does not need to be an expert.

According to Zwiener, people should not be intimidated by the nuts and bolts, but just show up to work hard and have fun.

“It’s really fun and hard work but I feel like with all that, you should not be intimidated with the prerequisites. I think it’s so cool to get out of your comfort zone,” Zwiener said.

In addition, the bluff’s beauty is another driving force for the student to climb.

“When you’re up there and going for it, you turn around, you see everything, the top of the bluff, all of Winona and the river, and the valley, it’s really beautiful,” Zwiener said.

Other topics discussed includes a request for 3% tuition increase for Technical Support.
Mutter encourages students, staff, faculty and everyone else in Winona to participate in this opportunity and have the chance to not only show off the true Winona, but to also have a piece of everyone’s personal Winona in the photobook.

“We would love for the students at WSU to jump in on this and participate. We know that many students are out and about taking pictures on their phones all the time, and we would love to have students participate and share what they love about Winona,” Mutter said.

Sydney Bennett, junior social work major and Spanish minor, plans to submit a couple of her pictures of Winona for a chance to be in the photobook.

“I’m not really much of a photographer, all I have is my phone but for me, it’s not really how good the picture is, it’s just showing off the Winona that I know and love,” Bennett said. Visit Winona does not have specific categories for their images. Any photo of anything, person or place will be considered to be a part of the book.

“We understand, you know, different people think about Winona differently and whether it's attractions here, or places they love or activities like biking or hiking or enjoying ice skating at the lake, or people or places they want to go eat, so we didn’t designate categories. We just know that there are so many facets to Winona that we just wanted to open that up for people to see this, you know, ‘My Winona’,” Mutter said.

Bennett was disappointed to see how little of Winona was shown in the Super Bowl ad and explained how excited she was to get to show off so much more of Winona.

“Winona was hardly in Winona, so seeing the other new page filled off so much more of Winona. How excited she was to get to show how good the picture is, it’s just showing off the Winona that I actually have to offer is so cool,” Bennett said. “I don’t even care if my pictures get selected because you know, I’m happy to show my family back home what Winona really is.”

Both websites have created a new sense of pride in Winona and put this little town on a much bigger map after being featured in the Super Bowl.

“And that’s what this campaign is about, it’s that people just get to know what they love or love like about Winona and get to talk about it and share in the fun in this very exciting opportunity,” Mutter said.

**Visit Winona**

“Welcome to Winona website,” Mutter said. “Many of the pictures will be internal pictures that we have gathered through the years, doing our work to market Winona, but we will also include photographs by photographers and social media followers,” Mutter said.

All of the proceeds from the photobook will be going to a currently undecided local initiative in Winona.

**THIS WEEK IN WINONA**

**Wednesday, February 12**

**Expanding the Event Series: TOO BLACK**

1 p.m. - 5 p.m. - Island City Brewing Co.

**Thursday, February 13**

**TRIO Awareness Day**

11 a.m. - 1 p.m. - Kueger Library 219

**Friday, February 14**

**Dancescape 2020**

5:30 p.m. - Performing Arts Center Vivian Fuell Theatre

**Saturday, February 15**

**Warriors LEAD Summit**

9 a.m. - 2 p.m. - Kuykendall Commons East Room

**Sunday, February 16**

**Island City Jazz Jam**

2:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. - Island City Brewing Co.

**Monday, February 17**

**Common Book Panel Discussion**

3 p.m. - 4 p.m. - Kuykendall Commons Purple Room

**Tuesday, February 18**

**Assessment Day**

No classes will meet before 3 p.m.
Margot Robbie returns as Harley Quinn in the fun and colorful film, *Birds of Prey*. The audience follows Quinn as she is left to deal with the repercussions of her past actions, while coping with her split with the man who, literally, threw her into a life of crime. Alongside Robbie, the film features Elizabeth Winstead, Ewan McGregor, Jumee Smollett-Bell, and a small appearance by Jurnee Smollett-Bell as Birds of Prey is a fun and visually wonderful film but features a fairly basic plot without much character development outside of Harley Quinn. Throughout the film, we see Quinn moving past her breakup and coping with the same way most adults do; trying new things, going out with friends, and creating new relationships. Once she sees herself without her relationship with the Joker made her untouchable. When Quinn makes a larger statement that showcases her single status, everyone’s hearts are broken once she comes back for revenge. Following Quinn as she moves out of Joker’s shadow is powerful and enjoyable. Robbie does an excellent job of bringing the chaos and spontaneous nature of her character while playing Quinn. You truly connect and feel with the character throughout her struggles. The action is well choreographed, and the film is visually stunning. It is extremely colorful, which lends itself more to the chaos shown when pairing such vibrant colors with the violence you see. Although there are not a lot of action scenes, they were all enjoyable and deserving of the films R rating. Despite Robbie’s excellent performance and the vibrant colors of which the film takes advantage, we only see growth and change in Harley Quinn. A basic plot doesn’t hurt the movie, but it’s something anyone who has seen a heist movie will recognize. That being said, there is one slightly jarring moment in the way the film is structured. We spend a lot of time jumping back in time in hopes that the plot can explain a character’s backstory or a plot element that might be confusing.

The Winonan’s film reporter rates “Birds of Prey” 3.5/5.

The scenes are helpful, but they disrupt the flow of the film early on and are too long to watch them jump back to the present time without some context. One or two of these moments did not need to be flashbacks and could have been told in a linear path. On top of that, the film only really focuses on the character of Harley Quinn. The title implies some sort of team-up with these characters, but we really only see the plot from Quinn’s viewpoint.

Birds of Prey showcases that good things can come from bad situations, as this film is a sequel to the 2016 film Suicide Squad. I am giving this film a 3.5/5; the film is fun, vibrant, and entertaining, but the plot is structured strangely and won’t throw you for a fun loop as we have come to expect. I would recommend this movie to anyone who enjoys action or fans of anyone looking to have a fun, chaotic time for a little under two hours.

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The night of Feb. 7, Winona State University’s East Hall was transformed into the setting for the Chinese New Year’s celebration. Hosted by the Chinese Student Society, guests experienced traditional elements of Chinese culture, as well as more modern takes according to Pingping Zhang, one of the club advisors. The Chinese New Year, or Spring Festival, is the second large-scale event the club has hosted during the school year, with the other one being the Chinese Moon Festival. Zhang emphasized the significance of the celebration for the Chinese people. “Chinese New Year,” in our culture, is like having Thanksgiving and Christmas together in one holiday,” Zhang said.

She went on to say it represents a time of togetherness with family and friends. Before the evening began, guests were encouraged to look at the decorations which included a pop-up with an enlarged ‘Chinese Student Society’ Instagram cut-out, multi-colored balloons, Chinese lanterns and wall hangings.

The event also featured a wall lined with traditional Chinese outfits, commonly in bright colors with gold embroidery. Throughout East Hall, a livestream of Chinese music from a YouTube channel called Angelic Music World came through the speakers as guests mingled.

The night began with a performance of “Let It Go” from Disney’s Frozen, which was lip-synced by the club president, Robert Chu. According to Zhang, this opening number was an homage to what’s popular in China and provided a connection to the more “modern side of the culture.”

Chu donned an Elsa costume, sprayed fake snow into the crowd and danced for East Hall to the musical number.

After the first performance, a video was shown to explain the legend of the Chinese New Year. Zhang, as well as the video, explained that every year in the lunar calendar, a monster would come and steal neighborhood children.

In order to protect themselves, the Jade Emperor told the Chinese people what would scare the monster away: fireworks, loud sounds and the color red. Throughout the night, red was a common color for this reason, as well as its significance for the Chinese people to stay happy and healthy.

Red was also seen in the gift bags called ‘lucky pockets’ or ‘red pockets.’ According to Chu, the pockets would contain money for children to use as bribery toward the monster.

During the event, this idea was carried out with a big, red envelope that held prize tickets for winners. The contest for the night then brought everyone together for the first time of the night.

Each player wore a balloon tied to a rubber band on their ankle and attempted to pop the other players’ balloons; the last person standing was the winner.

Of the first round, junior Katrina Gehn won. She talked about why she attended the event. “I look forward to trying new foods, things that the cafeteria doesn’t usually serve,” Gehn said. Paige Yang, another event guest, said she has made it a tradition of going to events like the Chinese New Year.

“Every year I come to enjoy all the food and performances as an ethnic event in Winona,” Yang said.

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After a few rounds of the balloon pop game, the guests lined up for a buffet-style dinner of homecooked Chinese food, including a vegetarian cabbage dish and rice and brown beef with beans. With dinner completed, more song and dance performances followed in a celebratory style. Zhang expressed what she hoped guests from the night got out of the celebration. “It’s always nice to get a feeling for a different culture, a different part of the world. For Chinese New Year, doesn’t matter where you are, it’ll always feel like home,” Zhang said.
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Wednesday, February 12

Thursday, February 13

Friday, February 14

Baseball - 3 p.m. at Drury University

Women’s Basketball - 5:30 p.m. vs. University of Sioux Falls

Men’s Basketball - 7:30 p.m. vs. University of Sioux Falls

Saturday, February 15

Baseball - 3 p.m. at Drury University

Track and Field vs. NSIC Preview at Mankato, Minn.

Women’s Basketball - 3:30 p.m. vs. Southwest Minnesota State University

Men’s Basketball - 5:30 p.m. vs. Southwest Minnesota State University

Women’s Tennis - 6 a.m. at Augusta University

Sunday, February 16

Baseball - 12 p.m. at Drury University

Women’s Tennis - 9 a.m. at University of Sioux Falls

Monday, February 17

Tuesday, February 18

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Men’s Basketball takes both road games

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Another poor shooting performance combined with being beat on the boards 42-27, the Warriors just could not fight off the Beavers comeback effort falling 68-63.

Not wanting to end the road trip with two losses, the Warriors were back to the drawing board for Saturday’s game against U-Mary. Things yet again started hot for the Warriors, nailing 70% of their shots in the first quarter. The only problem was the Marauders seemed like they couldn’t miss sending bombs from deep seven times in the first quarter and taking the lead into the second 29-15. The second frame was more of the same as the Marauders cashed in their loot for 80% of their attempts and taking the lead into the second half.

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Women’s basketball team won both their road games this weekend in North Dakota. Before the games, junior guard Dalante Peyton said the team still had things to fix. “I think the biggest thing we need to improve on is to just keep shutting down key players and contain the guys that come off the bench and that are role players,” Peyton said.

The Warriors took on Minot State University in the first contest of the week. Both teams began sluggishly as the first score was not until there were three and a half minutes left in the first half after sophomore guard Alec Rosner hit a three-pointer. Then, the Beavers would go on a 6-0 run to back the lead. The Warriors regained the lead after two made free throws by junior guard Devin Whitelow with 7:36 remaining in regulation. The Warriors would get their lead to six. They kept the lead and cruised to victory. For the second game of the weekend, Winona State squared off against University of Mary. Both teams traded buckets to begin the game.

Winona State took the 34-27 lead into the half. From the field the Warriors shot 40%, but they were able to get it going from three-range as they made eight of 16 attempts. The Beavers came out with a three-pointer to begin the second half. The second half remained even closer than the first as the Beavers took the lead with 12:58 left in regulation. Junior forward Kevin Taylor gave the Warriors a 50-49 follow-up two made free throws. Then, the Beavers would go on a 6-0 run to back the lead. The Warriors regained the lead after two made free throws by junior guard Devin Whitelow with 7:36 remaining in regulation. The Warriors would get their lead to six. They kept the lead and cruised to victory.

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The Warriors were able to get it going early as they hit on seven three-point attempts in the first eight minutes. With 10:51 left in the half, the Warriors held a 32-15 lead. University of Mary preceded to go on a 17-2 run to cut their deficit to two with 3:28 left in the first half. The Marauders would hit a three-pointer late in first half taking the lead at the half. Winona State shot over 45% from the field and made nine of 19 attempts from the three-point line in the first half. University of Mary shot over 50% from the field and made eight of 17 attempts from three-point line.

The Marauders were looking to build on their lead. They would get it to six points, but the Warriors would take the lead back following a three by Rosner. Following a and-one by the Marauders, the Warriors took a eight point run to get a six point lead of their own. The Marauders took the lead at 62-61 with 8:22 left in regulation, but that would be their last lead as Taylor would hit a three to take the back and they would not surrender for the rest of the game as they won 86-83. Whitelow, who had 16 points, said the team can be successful for the rest of the season. “In this last 11 games, we’re eight and three. If we can keep that stretch going and play at a higher level consistently, we’ll go deep in the conference tournament and hopefully advance to the NCAA Tournament.”

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