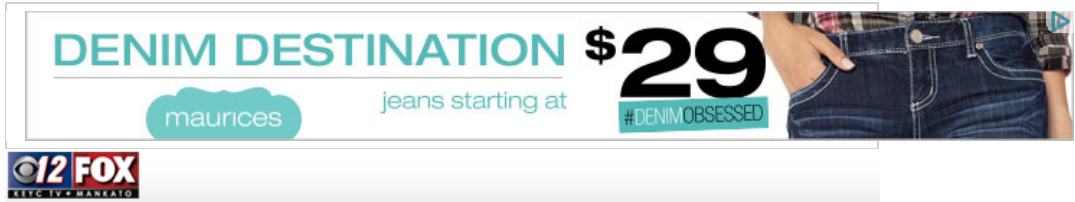


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**Record Broken in Attendance for Training Camp**

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The city of Mankato has something else to brag about. Vikings fans came to Mankato in record numbers this year.

Thousands of more Vikings fans made their way to Mankato in comparison to last year's attendance and it's not news to area businesses.

Manager at Jonny B's, Chris Werner says, "We can see it, we can tell, yea. It's been really busy this year. You can tell there's a lot of fans in town a lot of excitement too."

An increase in business that Werner saw coming from the start.

Werner says, "I could tell from the first week that this was going to be a busy year."

Larissa Mrozek, Visit Mankato Sales Director says, "Through last Thursday when camp broke we were at 57,000 which already surpassed last year's number and we still have 4 days of camp left."







Last year's attendance is estimated at around fifty thousand people. Minnesota Vikings Sales and Marketing Director, C.J. Rugh says there might be a few reasons why this year tops the rest.

Rugh says, "We've had very little weather issues. It's been pretty cool for the most part. But mostly I would say it's the product that we're putting on the field. I think fans are really excited about what's going to happen this year."

As the 48th year of the Vikings training in Mankato comes to an end it's definitely one for the books.

Rugh says, "It's kind of bittersweet, at one end it's time to kind of wind it down and get ready for the regular season but on the other end it's been a really enjoyable camp. The fans have been spectacular the atmosphere's been great. So definitely kind of sorry to see this one end."

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