

The 14th Annual Eureka Gras Mardi Gras Extravaganza kicked off on January 12 with the Kings Day Kick-Off Gala to officially announce the Royal Court and Monarchs of the Krewe of Krazo at the Rowdy Beaver. To great applause, the Dukes and Duchesses of 2019 were anointed by King Krazo XIV and Queen Eureka XIV. With revelry, they led the group into the parking lot to perform the traditional 2nd Line.

A dozen more events follow throughout February and March. Captain Mary and the "Krewe of Krazo" (Ozarks spelled backwards) are prepared to "laissez les bon temps rouler!" This year's theme is comic book characters.

The Taste of N'Awlins will be from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, February 9 at the Grand Taverne inside the Grand Central Hotel at 37 N Main Street. Hot beignets, chicory coffee, and gumbo shooters will be served, along with a cash bar – and of course the umbrella 2nd line. Cost is \$8 per person.

The Krewe of Kork will host a Red Dress Hearti Gras Ball & Benefit Dinner on Saturday, February 16 at 5 p.m. at Upstairs at The Grotto located at 39 Spring Street. A portion of the proceeds from this benefit dinner will be donated to ECHO—Eureka Christian Health Outreach. Entertainment for the evening will be Serrano-Torres. Tickets will be \$70 per person. Full bar/other beverages will be available as an additional charge. For tickets and more info visit:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/186978122026453/>

The Coronation Masquerade Ball on Friday, February 22, is the formal event at the Inn of the Ozarks Convention Center at 205 W. Van Buren, featuring a champagne buffet dinner and live music. The convention center will be full of tables decorated in Mardi Gras style, the king and queen along with their royal court will promenade around the ballroom and guests will enjoy champagne and a buffet dinner and dancing.

Saturday, February 23 is the Light and Sound Night Parade at 6 p.m. following the usual parade route from the Carnegie Public Library, down Spring Street to the Court House on Main Street. After the parade downtown, there will be the 6th Annual Black Lite Ball at 7 p.m. at Chelsea's Café located at 10 Mountain Street. Tickets are \$35 and may be purchased at www.reserveeureka.com.

The Jokers Masquerade Ball takes place on Friday, March 1 at 6 p.m. at the Best Western Inn of the Ozarks Convention Center. There'll be music, a mini parade, buffet with heavy hors-d'oeuvres and a cash bar and with prizes awarded for best costume. Tickets are \$30 per ticket. To purchase tickets email jokersballeurekasprings@gmail.com.

The second Mardi Gras parade, led by the Krewe of Krazo, will roll downtown on Saturday, March 2 at 2 p.m.

The next morning on Sunday, February 11, guests can enjoy the New Orleans-style Jazz Brunch at the Crescent Hotel from 11:00 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 75 Prospect, featuring live music from Crescent City Combo. Reservations are required and may be made by calling 479-253-9652. Cost of the brunch is \$19.95.

On Fat Tuesday, March 5, the finale is the Saint 'Lizabeth King Cake Ball and dinner. Dinner & music by Naturally Brass begins at 6 p.m. at the St. Elizabeth Parish Center at 232 Passion Play Road. An oyster bar, gourmet Cajun dinner, and praline King Cake are sure to satisfy. For more information call 479-253-4503 or 479-253-8864.

For more details on all events, visit www.EurekaSpringsMardiGras.org.

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