

CITY OF EUNICE, LOUISIANA
Courir De Mardi Gras 98'

A New Attendance Record Set For The Eunice Courir De Mardi Gras

This year a new attendance record was set at the annual Eunice Courir De Mardi Gras (*Mardi Gras Run*) as the number of runners reached past the 900 mark for a total of 925. An official for the Eunice Mardi Gras Association said there were some hoping to see the number reach the 1000 mark. It didn't quite make it but they were more than pleased with the large turnout of runners. That makes this year's run, the largest to date for the City of Eunice.

□□□□ Runners came from all over the United States and abroad. There were runners from Colorado, Texas, Florida, Arkansas, California, Missouri, Alabama, New York, Indiana, Georgia, Iowa and Montana. There were even runners that came from other countries. Some came from as far away as Canada, Denmark and even Holland. In addition to those, there were runners from just about every part of the state of Louisiana.

□□□□ An official for the Eunice Mardi Gras Association said they were basically a well behaved group. One observer said she was very impressed with the way the Mardi Gras runners would walk up to people who were watching from their homes along the route. She said they would frequently walk up to people and shake hands with them.

□□□□ As the Mardi Gras parade made its way down Second Street you could see the runners for as far as you could see. They just kept coming and coming. It was an amazing sight to see how long the parade was. The police had to re-route the parade twice to allow room for the others that were still to come. The parade marked the end of the Mardi Gras celebration.

□□□□ During the day as the Mardi Gras' were on the run, numerous activities were happening in the city. There were live bands during the day playing Cajun and Zydeco music. Food vendors were in full operations offering cajun delicacies such as boudin,

cracklin, sauce picante, jambalaya and boiled crawfish. Another event held that day was the creation of the worlds largest King Cake (*story next*). All in all it was a day filled with festivities and fun for all who attended.

A New Mark Set For The Worlds Largest King Cake

What goes into the Worlds Largest King Cake?

□□□□ This highly confidential information was obtained from Glendale Cafeteria Manager Verna Bergeron. Technicians Dot Fruge, Joyce Thibodeaux and Gladys Darby.

□□□□ The Team King Cake from Glendale improved upon last year's record King Cake of 64 feet with a 75 feet cake this year.

□□□□ The recipe for the 1998 Eunice Mardi Gras King Cake included 30 pounds of flour, a pound of yeast, 4.5 pounds of shortening, 10 cups of sugar and approximately 12 quarts of water.

□□□□ The Eunice Mardi Gras King Cake cooked for 3 hours and then received a generous outside coating of cinnamon, colored sugar and butter at City Hall.

□□□□ The 1998 Eunice Mardi Gras King Cake weighed 220 pounds when finished and contained one cash prize of \$25.00 along with various assorted prizes inside the cake.

□□□□ The Glendale cafeteria ladies have a special fund set aside to help defray the cost of making the worlds largest King Cake.

□□□□ This was their second year to tackle the Mardi Gras adventure and followers of the King Cake can expect the Eunice 1999 Mardi Gras King Cake to be bigger than ever, again.