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Acadia has birthday bash despite drizzle

CROWLEY — It may have rained on their parade, but the people of Acadia Parish did not let a little precipitation (photo above) spoil their celebration Saturday of the parish's 196th birthday.

The parade, which featured an assortment of modes of transportation from a variety of eras (photo above left), was just one of the many activities that took place during the one-day event. The day began with a beard and mustache contest, followed by a Cajun music fest. Parish and local officials were on hand for an afternoon ceremony in which Acadia Parish documents were presented to representatives of the office of Secretary of State Jim Brown.

The presentation of the documents was followed by the unveiling of a commemorative plaque by Acadia Parish Police Jury president Joe Juhan. The plaque reads, "In Commemoration of the Centennial of Acadia Parish, 1800-1900, 200 Years of Working Together for the Progress of Acadia Parish."

The parade followed the presentation ceremony, with Cajun and French music filling the air while a rainy-day fan-run took photos (photo left). Many children were happy to join in on the revelry, with one child (photo right) even cooling off in the rain while she awaited the procession.