Cheers to cider mill, Pulaski Day and museum

To the Cider Mill Friends of Open Space and Historical Preservation, which recently hosted their second annual Old Fashioned Cider Tasting at the Kimlin Cider Mill.

The Oct. 11 event was attended by more than 200 people, who were given the opportunity to tour the former mill and taste local cider. Additionally, the event included a barbecue, raffle, children's activities, live music and more.

The Town of Poughkeepsie mill, built by the Kimlin family in the 1880s, closed in the 1990s, when cider production at the mill ended.

More than 10 years ago, the mill was purchased by the Cider Mill Friends of Open Space and Historic Preservation. The group has committed to restoring the mill, and proceeds from the event are slated to assist with the restoration process, which includes a new roof.

For more information on the Kimlin Cider Mill and upcoming events, please visit http://cidermillfriends.org or https://www.facebook.com/kimlincedermillfriends.

Kudos to the Cider Mill Friends of Open Space and Historic Preservation for its work in preserving a part of Dutchess County history.

To the 47th annual Pulaski Day, which honored Gen. Casimir Pulaski.

This year's festivities were held on Oct. 14 and included a parade to Pulaski Park on Washington Street in the City of Poughkeepsie.

The event also included a wreath laying ceremony and speeches.

The celebration continued at the Italian Center on Mill Street in Poughkeepsie, where there was music and refreshments available.

Gen. Pulaski, a Revolutionary War hero who originally hailed from Poland, is credited with saving George Washington's life.

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Pulaski died in 1779, after being wounded in the Battle of Savannah.

To the Mid-Hudson Children's Museum, which recently received a Museum of America grant to assist with early childhood education programs.

The grant, which totals $146,799, will allow parents and early childhood educators use the museum as an educational resource.

The project will last two years and will be carried out in partnership with the Smithsonian Early Enrichment Center, the Catharine Street Community Center and the Poughkeepsie school district.

Kudos to the Mid-Hudson Children's Museum for its commitment to childhood education.