Tipping The Balance Of Power

Jefferson Middle School Dedicates Ceremony To Charles Cooper

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RIPLEY — Jefferson Middle School students held a ceremony to dedicate the school's new Charles Cooper statue.

"We want to recognize him and honor him," said principal Jeffery Lampley. "Mr. Cooper was a Jefferson Middle School assistant principal for 20 years. He was an important part of the Jefferson Middle School family." Cooper, who passed away in January, was known for his dedication to the school and his love for students.

The ceremony included the presentation of a plaque to the Cooper family. The plaque reads, "In Honor of Charles Cooper, Jefferson Middle School's beloved teacher, who brought joy to the lives of countless students." Cooper, who taught history and social studies, was beloved by his students and colleagues.

"Charles Cooper was not only a great teacher, but also a great mentor," said one of Cooper's former students. "He always took the time to listen and help his students. He will be greatly missed." A Symbol Of Freedom

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The United States flag represents a multitude of patriotic ideals.

On Tuesday at Jefferson Middle School, a commemorative flag was raised. The flag was raised to honor Cooper, who passed away last year.

"It's important to remember and honor our heroes," said principal Lampley. "This ceremony is a way for us to pay tribute to Charles Cooper and his service to our country." Cooper was a veteran and served in the U.S. Army.

The ceremony included a speech by a fellow teacher, who spoke about Cooper's dedication to his students and his love for teaching. Cooper's family also spoke about their loss and how they continue to honor his memory.

"We want to keep his memory alive," said Cooper's daughter. "He was a wonderful husband and father, and we miss him every day."

The ceremony ended with the playing of "The Star-Spangled Banner." The flag was then lowered to half-staff in honor of Cooper.

"This ceremony is a way for us to remember Charles Cooper and all of our heroes," said Lampley. "We hope this will inspire our students to serve their country and honor our heroes."
Pa. Boy Dies After Taking A Spin On Ride At Disney

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. (AP) — Sheri Blanton knew something was wrong when her 4-year-old son, Chad, stopped gripping the railing of the "Mission: Space" ride at Walt Disney World.

The ride seems to suck kids right in and Blanton said Wednesday that her boy was strapped in when he started slumping and seemed to be struggling.

"He said he felt dizzy," Blanton said. "I immediately pulled him out."

That was at 7:30 a.m. Thinking she had misjudged, Blanton said she handed her son back to the ride operator to try again. When he seemed fine, Blanton said she took him back to the ride.

The ride was closed about an hour later, minutes before Blanton said her son started complaining about his stomach and stomachache.

Larry Talbot, a Disney World spokesperson, said the boy was evaluated by Disney medical personnel at the attraction's first aid station and then was transferred to Disney's clinic. He was later transferred to a hospital in Orlando.

"He's stable at this point," Talbot said. "He's currently being evaluated by pediatricians at the hospital."

Talbot said that under Disney's policies, riders are supposed to be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian and that parents are to be aware that children can get motion sickness.

"We want parents to watch for children who are experiencing symptoms of motion sickness," Talbot said. "We take all of these very seriously."

When the ride opened at 11 a.m., Talbot said, the boy and his 8-year-old sister were the first in line.

"He was right in the front," Talbot said. "He was in the seat that's designated for children younger than 3."

Talbot said that Disney's first aid station was operating as normal and that the ride is being inspected by a safety inspector from the state of Florida.

Talbot said Disney's safety inspectors are among the world's most rigorous and that the ride is inspected at least every six months.

"Our safety protocols are in place," Talbot said. "Our safety inspectors are on site."
**County:** It’s ‘Way Too Political’

From Page A-1 “You just kind of caught your breath from the last election, and you’re coming up on another election. Elections do take time and effort, and two years’ terms are more fair.”—Debrah Petrunek, R-Wilsonfield

From Page A-1 “I’d be in the know!”

**Term: In 1995, Voters Turned Down Four-Year Proposal**

**Ripley:** ‘If It’s Not Approved, It Won’t Be In The Budget’

Ripley was one of two school districts in the county in 1995 that did not pass a four-year term. The Clyde Central School District is the only county school district that passed a four-year term. The budget will be held from noon to 6 p.m. on June 21. The budget will be voted on during the next school board meeting in August.

**Pony Playhouse Is Set To Open In Fall For August Festival Program**

**Death Row Inmate Confesses To 1987 Western New York Killing**

Sells, a barber who worked for the Wicomico County Sheriff’s Office, was convicted in 1973 of killing a woman and Hávai Korcz in 1987. He is currently serving a life sentence without parole in the state prison in Hancock, where he was convicted in 1973 of first-degree murder.

**Flag:** ‘Stirs Within Us Feelings Of Pride And Respect For Our Nation’

Children school children theFlag of Allegheny in class-room and all public places. A school board member said that after following the flag of granite, it posi-tively never again shows what flows when it does.” —Consortium of Kite Exhibits, Inc.

**Ceremony**

From Page A-1 “It becomes way too political, and it brings partisan politics into play, and I think the county executive should be free to surround himself with people who will do the best job for the community.”

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