



The Islander

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New Weems Hospital CEO attended the August Meeting

Weems Hospital board chair Jim Bachrach introduced Mike Cooper as the new CEO of Weems Hospital. Mike has a 30-year history of working in critical issue hospitals and plans to provide better critical care at Weems and upgrade electronic medical equipment.



Weems Hospital CEO Mike Cooper

An Indiana native, he earned a bachelor's degree in business management from Indiana University Southeast and a master's in health services management from Webster University in Jeffersonville, Missouri. Cooper worked his way up the hospital administration ranks (he started by cleaning toilets), and was CEO of St. *(See Hospital, Page Two)*

Full Moon Climb at Cape St. George Lighthouse

The September Full Moon Climb at the Cape St. George Lighthouse on St. George Island will be held on Tuesday, September 9. The Sunset/Full Moon Climb will take place from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and will include light hors d'oeuvres and a sparkling cider toast to the full moon. Cost is \$15.00 for the general public and \$10.00 for members of the St. George Lighthouse Association.



The sun will set at 7:52 p.m. and the moon will rise at 8:19 p.m. on September 9. After sunset, people are invited to climb to the top of the lighthouse for a breathtaking view of the full moon, as space and time permit. Cost is \$10.00 for the general public and \$5.00 for SGLA members. The Cape St. George Light is located in St. George Lighthouse Park at the center of St. George Island, where Island Drive (the road off the bridge) ends at Gulf Beach Drive. Parking is available in lots at either side of the park. Because space is limited, reservations are recommended. For reservations or more information, please contact the Lighthouse Gift Shop at 850-927-7745.

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Benedicts Family Medical Center in Jerome, Idaho; CEO of Dunn Memorial hospital in Bedford, Indiana; and CEO at Breckinridge Health, Inc. in Hardinsburg, Kentucky.

Upcoming Events

Semi-Terrestrial Crab Interpretive Program

On Saturday, September 6th from 10:00am-11:00am at Bald Point State Park-North Point Entrance at the Fishing Pier gather with a Park Ranger who will be discussing about Semi-Terrestrial Crabs such as Hermit Crabs, Ghost Crabs and Fiddler Crabs and learn about the interesting ways that they benefit the shoreline and other marine life. \$4 admission fee is required and all ages, especially children, are welcomed. For more information, call 850-349-9146 or go to www.floridastateparks.org/baldpoint/default.cfm

Painting "IN THE MOMENT" with Lori Putnam

Spend 4 days working en plein air September 11-14 with American Impressionist Lori Putnam, capturing the culture and history of Apalachicola. This workshop includes lectures and demonstrations, individual painting time, personal instruction, and group critiques to promote your progress. Class at the Apalachicola Center for History, Culture and Art. For more information, go to www.historicapalachicola.com/schoolofart/

Rock by the Sea

From Thursday, September 25 through Saturday, September 27 join the annual Rock by the sea concert, 5k run and golf tournament. The tentative schedule is: Music Thursday, September 25 – Harry A’s 7:00 PM – Midnight
Music Friday, September 26 – Harry A’s

4:00 PM – 1:30 AM

Golf Tournament Saturday, September 27 – St. James Bay 9:00 AM

MODIFIED FLORIDA SCRAMBLE

Prizes for 1st–3rd places

\$10,000 Hole in One Prize

5k Run Saturday, September 27 - St. George Island 9:00 AM

Music Saturday – Harry A’s from 4:00 PM – 2:00 AM. Artists scheduled are: Chuck Cannon, Steve Everett, Melodime, The

Roosevelts, Tim Brantley, Radiobirds, the

Brian Collins Band and W2. Rock by the

Sea benefits the following charities: The

Pediatric Brain Tumor Program, Arnold

Palmer Hospital for Children, Camp

Sunshine, Cops for Kids. **For more**

information, go to

www.rockbythesea.org

Thanks to the Franklin County Tourism Council for Upcoming events.

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