

# Balloon flight for survivors

*Cancer survivors to be part  
of survivor flight during  
Balloons over Mt. Vernon*

## STAFF REPORT

MT. VERNON — A special event for cancer survivors has been added to the Balloons Over Mt. Vernon, scheduled for Oct. 16 through Oct. 18.

Crossroads Community Hospital will sponsor the Survivors' Flight and its Healthy Woman Advisory Council will choose five cancer survivors to be passengers during the flight on Saturday, Oct. 17.

According to information from Crossroads, the flight will be an opportunity to support individuals and families whose lives have been affected by cancer. The five survivors will be chosen through written submissions.

For a chance to be a passenger in a hot air balloon, Crossroads is asking for emotionally uplifting stories to be submitted before Oct. 5. Stories must be less than 500 words or less than one page and may be submitted to Marcus Holland, Crossroads Hospital, 8 Doctors Park Rd., Mt. Vernon or by email to [marcus\\_holland@chs.net](mailto:marcus_holland@chs.net).

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Winners must be physically able to climb into and out of a hot air balloon basket, sign a release and have a release from a physician if they are currently under a physician's care. The council will vote on the most compelling stories and contact the winners after its Oct. 7 meeting.

A short ceremony on Oct. 17 will be held to recognize the five winners.

"We are proud to spon-

sor a growing community event and to be able to share an opportunity with those who have survived this deadly disease," said Finny Mathew, CEO of Crossroads Community

Hospital.

Additional information is available by contacting Marcus Holland, Crossroads director of marketing and public relations, at 241-8510. 10-1-15