



A tall view of a short life



AT PLAY: Above, Codi Frazier (center), 10, plays with her friends at school during recess. At top, Codi, rides piggyback Thursday on her sister Lori Nicole Barrett, 13, outside their Kelso home.

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A child with cancer is living large each day

Codi Frazier will serve as grand marshal of the Relay For Life with her pal, the governor.

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Codi Frazier has seen Mickey and Minnie, a Globetrotter and a governor.

But what the 10-year-old really wants to see is a few more birthdays.

Stifling a yawn during a transportation committee meeting at the Capitol, the honorary Madame Chair whispered to a senator on her right, nodded, turned to the audience and adjourned the session with a rap of the gavel.

"I was trying to do the best I can because this is my first time being a senator," said Codi, a spunky fourth-grader with a personality that won't quit but a body that will.

Codi has osteosarcoma, an aggressive bone cancer that

Relay For Life

The America Cancer Society's signature overnight event celebrates survivorship and raises money for research and programs.

Teams gather at schools, fairgrounds, or parks and take turns walking or running laps.

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Visit this story at StatesmanJournal.com to sign Codi Frazier's guest book and listen to her song, "Codi Day," a unique composition by Michael Moynage through Songs of Love, a nonprofit organization that creates personalized songs for chronically and terminally ill children and young adults.

already claimed part of a leg. Now the cancer has returned. The news was devastating, but it also freed her to live life to the fullest.

There's simply no time for tears and regrets.

Three years ago, Codi was living in Nevada with her mom when she was first diagnosed with cancer.

The next year, Codi learned to walk using a prosthetic after her

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