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**NEW: Vigil to serve as memorial for Yakima's homeless**  
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The third annual Homeless Person's Memorial Day vigil will be this Friday evening at Millennium Plaza beginning at 5:30. The address is 20 S. 3rd St. in downtown Yakima, across from the Capitol Theatre, and the public is invited to pay respects.

This year's vigil will honor five homeless people who died in Yakima over the past year. The Homeless Network of Yakima County has identified those to be honored, giving a brief description of their lives. They are:

- \* Fred Harkins, 45, a father of five who loved to help people fix their cars and trucks. He is survived by his children, aunts, uncles and cousins.
- \* Sandy Knight, 40, a mother of three, "a giver," according to homeless advocates, who sometimes gave too much. Her longtime partner was Timmy.
- \* Jeffrey Lee Orteig, 50, who had three daughters and seven grandchildren, served in the U.S. Army. He didn't want much except a home and family.
- \* Thomas J. Schroeder, 63, was a native of the Bronx who traveled the country throughout his life. He struggled but was his own best advocate. He is survived by a sister and cousin.
- \* Vance L. Zink, 53, worked as a cook and sometimes held out a sign asking for food or money. Quiet and gentle, Zink is survived by his daughter, a brother, two sisters and his mother.

The vigil coincides with similar events around the country in collaboration with the National Coalition to End Homelessness and the National Health Care for the Homeless Council. Organizers deliberately chose what will be the longest night of the year to emphasize that homeless people endure particularly harsh conditions on winter nights.