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Final Edition: Journalism According to Jack and Jim Knight To Premiere on Western Reserve Public Media Channels

KENT, Ohio — Friday, Oct. 9, 2009 — A new one-hour documentary about John (Jack) and James Knight and the newspaper chain they created will premiere on Western Reserve PBS on Tuesday, Oct. 27, at 10 p.m. **Final Edition: Journalism According to Jack and Jim Knight** features on-camera interviews, period photos and excerpts from existing film footage of the Knights, as well as news events of their era. The program will repeat on Saturday, Oct. 31, at 6 p.m. on Western Reserve PBS, plus it will air on the organization's Fusion channel on Thursday, Oct. 29, at 10 p.m. and Saturday, Oct. 31, at 8:30 p.m.

Jack and Jim Knight were Akron brothers and prominent national figures who owned and ran the Akron Beacon Journal newspaper in the 1900s. They eventually created the Knight-Ridder Newspapers Inc. empire of 31 daily and 26 nondaily newspapers in 28 U.S. markets, including the well-known Detroit Free Press, Miami Herald, Philadelphia Inquirer and San Jose Mercury News. The brothers also founded the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation, now based in Miami, Fla. The prize-winning newspaper group, at one time the nation's largest, was sold to McClatchy Company in 2006 and Knight-Ridder passed into history.

Produced and written by Paul Jacoway, of Paul R. Jacoway Productions of Akron, and Kathleen Endres, distinguished professor of communication at The University of Akron, and directed by Jacoway, the documentary tells the story of the Knight family, the Akron Beacon Journal and the rise and fall of Knight-Ridder.

Three years in the making and narrated by David Lieberth, deputy mayor of the City of Akron, the documentary features interviews with popular local newspaper writers Abe Zaidan and Michael Douglas, Beacon Journal Editor Bruce Wings and Knight Foundation President Alberto Ibarguen.

A free public screening of the production will be held on Monday, Oct. 26, at 6:30 p.m. in the auditorium of the Akron-Summit County Public Library, 60 S. High St., Akron. This date is the birthday of the late Jack Knight. A discussion and

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reception will follow the documentary showing. Parking in the adjoining deck after 6 p.m. is also free.

The documentary was underwritten by a grant from the Ohio Humanities Council, a state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

About Western Reserve Public Media

Western Reserve Public Media (formerly PBS 45 & 49) is owned and operated by Northeastern Educational Television of Ohio, Inc., a private, nonprofit corporation and consortium of Kent State University, The University of Akron and Youngstown State University. A trusted community resource, Western Reserve Public Media uses the power of commercial-free television and related services to enrich the lives of people through high-quality programming and educational services that teach, illuminate and inspire.

Western Reserve PBS, a service of the organization, is the only broadcast television service that reaches all of northeast Ohio. It is available to 1.8 million households and 4.4 million people in the Cleveland and Youngstown designated market areas. In an average week, over 500,000 households tune in. The organization also operates three standard definition channels, Fusion (WNEO.2/WEAO.2), MHz Worldview (WNEO.3/WEAO.3) and V-me (WNEO.4/WEAO.4).

Through funding from eTech Ohio, Western Reserve Public Media provides K-12 educational technology training and instructional television programming to 21,500 educators and 256,700 students in eight Ohio counties. For more information about the organization, visit www.WesternReservePublicMedia.org or call 1-800-554-4549.

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