Walter Cronkite Memorial to Open in St. Joseph

ST. JOSEPH, Mo. (AP) - A memorial to the late television news legend Walter Cronkite is opening this week in the northwest Missouri city where he was born.

The St. Joseph News-Press reports that Missouri Western State University in St. Joseph is planning an event Monday morning on what would have been the newsman's 97th birthday. The memorial features a memorabilia case and an interactive kiosk that will show footage of news events covered by the broadcaster known as the "Most Trusted Man in America."

Cronkite signed off for the final time as anchor of the "CBS Evening News" in 1981. He died in July 2009 at the age of 92.

The memorial cost about \$250,000.

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