

CHESTER ROBERT HUNTLEY

1911 – 1974

Six nights a week for 14 years, Chet Huntley appeared before the American public as half of the nation's most familiar evening newscasting team. The widely acclaimed Huntley-Brinkley Report ended when the resonant-voiced Chet said "Good night David" to his co-anchorman for the last time in July 1970. That is when Huntley returned to his native Montana from New York to promote Big Sky of Montana, a 10,600-acre resort complex in Gallatin and Madison counties.

The Huntley-Brinkley program won every major television news award including seven Emmies and two George Foster Peabody awards. Huntley's retirement from three decades of broadcast journalism was marked by his selection as 1970 Broadcaster of the Year by the International Radio and Television Society.

Huntley was born in Cardwell, 60 miles from where he was to die 62 years later of lung cancer. Then-Gov. Thomas L. Judge said that although Huntley "reached the highest pinnacle of his profession, he never forgot his home state. His lifelong dream was to return to Montana and build a magnificent resort area. I am glad that Chet lived to see this dream become reality."