

# Wichita television anchor dies after battle with breast cancer

Kim Setty, longtime anchor and reporter of KWCH-TV in Wichita, died Wednesday night after a six-year battle with breast cancer.

A private family funeral will be held Monday. Memorials may be sent to the Riverside Christian Church, Goodwill Industries or Victory in the Valley. Condolences letters may be sent to the KWCH Studios, 2815 E. 37th St. North, Wichita, Kan., 67219 or to kim@kwch.com

Kim's last news director, Chad Cross, wrote this tribute to her life:

Kim shared 24 years with the people who work at KWCH and those who watched her on air. In that time, she balanced dedication to her job and devotion to her family; she balanced the gravity, and comedy, of the news business; and, while battling breast cancer in the public eye, she balanced fighting for her life and keeping normalcy in her family's life.

Kim started at KWCH in May 1987 as a bureau reporter in her hometown of Hutchinson. By the next year, she'd moved up the ranks to become anchor and producer of Eyewitness News at Noon, a newscast that earned high ratings under her command.

Before working at KWCH, she reported for WIBW TV in Topeka. She began her broadcasting career on the radio while at the University of Kansas.

Kim's reporting career ranged from working the medical beat and analyzing elections, to covering Hutchinson's natural gas explosions and interviewing First Lady Barbara Bush. She's best known for her series of consumer stories called, "Does It Work?" Trying to help viewers not waste money, she searched for products with hard-to-believe claims

and recruited everyday people to test them.

She concluded each story by asking testers for a verdict with her familiar question, "does it work?" Over the course of a decade, "Does It Work?" became a popular series on Wednesday nights.

The Kansas Association of Broadcasters recognized Kim with accolades for "Does It Work?" as well as the noon newscast she anchored. She also won awards for reporting on homeless children in Kansas and a story about Girl Scouts visiting their incarcerated mothers. In 2011, Kim received recognition from Goodwill Industries of Kansas for her service to the organization. She also volunteered at church, her children's schools, Girl Scouts and cancer support groups.

In 2005, Kim told viewers she'd been diagnosed with breast cancer. Through sickness and losing her blonde hair, she worked as much as possible. After recovering from surgery and treatment, she returned to anchoring as a redhead. Five years later, Kim let viewers know she was battling cancer once again. Through more surgeries, radiation and chemotherapy, she worked as much as she could. She insisted on working until told she must stop last summer.

While Kim was a star on the Kansas airwaves, her two children and husband were the stars in her life. She mastered a balance of personal and professional life that's difficult when working in television news. In the newsroom, Kim loved to have a good laugh and she knew when to be all business. Because of the example she set, KWCH management created a Kim Setty Spirit of Excellence Award to recognize outstanding employees.



Kim Setty

## On the Beat

### COLBY POLICE

#### Tuesday

12:33 p.m. – Provided information about locating someone.

1:12 p.m. – Protection from abuse order violation. Report filed.

2:03 p.m. – Caller reported a dog in yard. Unable to locate.

3:42 p.m. – Civil standby.

5:14 p.m. – Dog at large turned over to Colby Animal Clinic.

6:17 p.m. – Identity theft report filed on incident.

10:49 p.m. – Provided information to motorist at Oasis.

#### Wednesday

2:47 a.m. – Walk-through at Oasis Travel Center.

3:08 a.m. – Walk-through at Mabel's.

4:07 a.m. – Walk-through at Walmart.

10:28 a.m. – Caller reported subject driving erratically. All OK; family members contacted to come get him.

11:27 a.m. – Subject had prescription medication taken. No report at this time; will do further checking.

2:25 p.m. – Caller reported possible phone harassment. Spoke to reporting party, no report.

3:22 p.m. – Hit and run accident report filed.

4:01 p.m. – Dog at large. Un-

able to catch; will make contact with owner.

9:47 p.m. – Walk-through at Walmart.

11:42 p.m. – Security check at Twister's.

### THOMAS COUNTY SHERIFF

#### Tuesday

Noon – Brought juvenile from Garden City to Colby.

1:45 p.m. – Booked Brandon W. Leth.

2:03 p.m. – Released Leth.

#### Wednesday

11:01 a.m. – Caller reported two

canvas bags with animal parts in them in ditch in the 1800 block of County Rd. 32. Turned over to Wildlife and Parks.

1:53 p.m. – S&T Alarm Company called about alarm in the 2000 block of County Rd. 2. Everything OK.

2:18 p.m. – Released Paul Martin Richard Tech.

2:25 p.m. – Subject came to station about lost license plate sometime in October between Atwood and Idalia, Colo. Report filed.

4:52 p.m. – Released Even Mainus.

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# Hidden bag found in museum's sub stayed stashed since World War II

By Suzanne Weiss

Herald Times Reporter

MANITOWOC, Wis. (AP) – Imagine Paul Rutherford's surprise when he was working aboard the USS Cobia and came across a bag that likely hadn't been touched by human hands since World War II.

Rutherford is maintenance supervisor for the Wisconsin Maritime Museum, where the submarine draws thousands of visitors each year.

The Cobia yielded its surprise to Rutherford on Dec. 21. He was on his back, squeezed into a tight space installing a protective cage around a light fixture above upper sleeping bunks in the after torpedo room.

"I had to take off the cover around the light fixture so I could use that to attach the cage to it," he said. "I realized I didn't bring the cages with me. I couldn't reach them and I didn't want to crawl down because it's a struggle, so I called for some help."

During the five minutes or so that he waited, his imagination went to work. He put himself in the mindset of a World War II submariner and wondered if one of them might have stashed something in a nearby nook.

"Wouldn't that be cool if I found something,"

he thought to himself.

Rutherford reached his hand above an electrical utility box behind the escape hatch.

And there it was. A brown leather zippered toiletry bag, flattened from being shoved into a 2- to 3-inch-high space more than 60 years ago.

"So I pulled it out," he said. "There was actually a lot of dust on it and one edge was spray-painted white," likely from remodeling during the '60s or '70s before the museum acquired the submarine, he said.

Rutherford waited until he finished his work and shimmied out of the space to see what was inside.

The bag yielded up a small empty red corduroy pouch, a rubber stamp with a seaman's name, a "100 Cocktails" booklet, and two poems, "Give Us a Drink" and "Navy Wife."

"That thing had definitely been up there longer than I've been alive," said Rutherford, 47. "If I wouldn't have forgotten to bring the cages with me, I would have never have found these items."

Using the rubber stamp as her guide, Karen Duvall, submarine curator, consulted crew records and identified the objects as being from Seaman First Class Hersey J. Williams, who served aboard the submarine on its fourth war patrol, which departed from Perth, Australia, on Dec. 12, 1945.

"Billy, there's just gotta be a way to earn \$100 for the sock-hop."



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