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Port of call



The USS Kingsville (LCS 36) arrives at its homeport of San Diego for the first time in 2024. Littoral Combat Ships are fast, mission-tailored surface combatants that operate in near-shore and open-ocean environments. Kingsville is the first U.S. Navy warship to be named in honor the city of Kingsville.

MM2 NATHEN PARSONS/U.S. NAVY, COMMANDER, LITTORAL COMBAT SHIP SQUADRON 1

Navy Week cruising into Wichita Falls on Monday

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On a list of ports of call, it's unlikely you'll find Wichita Falls. But not only will that not stop the U.S. Navy from visiting, it's also sort of the point.

Starting Monday, a different kind of uniformed service member can be seen around Fallstown — sailors. Navy Week, an outreach program of the sea service, will run through Sept. 20 with sailors participating and taking part in a range of community events during that time.

This year will be especially noteworthy as the U.S. Navy celebrates 250 years of service Oct. 13. But while that date will undoubtedly hold a weightier significance in communities like San Diego, Honolulu or Norfolk, in Air Force towns like Wichita Falls it may not make as much of a stir.

Enter Navy Week, which aims to educate otherwise landlocked communities about the naval service and its traditions. And nowhere is more landlocked than North Texas.

"Wichita Falls will be the 10th city we've been to in Texas. We've been to Texas more than any other state," said John Hankemeier with the Navy Office of

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Logistics Specialist 2nd Class Victor O'Leary pulls the chalk and chains for an MH-60R Seahawk helicopter, from Helicopter Maritime Strike Squadron (HSM-35), on the flight deck aboard USS Fort Worth (LCS 3) during operations in the South China Sea in 2015. The vessel was on a rotational deployment in support of the Asia-Pacific Rebalance, Fort Worth is one of the Navy's latest warships and is designed to operate within a region's littoral or shallow areas approaching the shore. MC2 ANTONIO TURRETTO RAMOS/U.S. NAVY, USS FORT WORTH (LCS 3)

Area homes in June sold for more

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Newly released data from Realtor.com for June shows that potential buyers and sellers in Wichita County saw higher home sale prices than the previous month's median of \$186,023.

The median home sold for \$207,405, an analysis of data from Realtor.com shows. That means June, the most recent month for which figures are available, was up 11.5% from May.

Compared to June 2024, the median home sales price was slightly higher compared to \$206,003.

Realtor.com sources sales data from real estate deeds, resulting in a few months' delay in the data. The statistics don't include homes currently listed for sale and aren't directly comparable to listings data.

Information on your local housing market, along with other useful community data, is available at data.times-recordnews.com.

Here is a breakdown on median sale prices:

- Looking only at single-family homes, the \$206,250 median selling price in Wichita County was up 10.9% in June from \$186,023 the month prior. Since June 2024, the sales price of single-family homes was slightly up from a median of \$205,282. No single-family homes sold for \$1 million or more during the month.

About recorded home sales in Wichita County in Texas

In June, the number of recorded sales in Wichita County dropped by 16.1% since June 2024 – from 243 to 204. All residential home sales totaled \$33.4 million.

Across Texas, homes sold at a median of \$324,999 during June, a slight decrease from \$327,278 in May. There were 42,510 recorded sales across the state during June, down 3% from 43,802 recorded sales in June 2024.

Here's a breakdown for the full state:

- The total value of recorded

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One dead, two injured in Tuesday collision

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One person was killed and two others were injured in a two-vehicle collision on State Highway 199 about 17 miles southeast of Jacksboro on Tuesday, according to a Texas Department of Public Safety media re-

lease.

At 4:52 p.m. Tuesday, a 2012 Dodge Charger was traveling south on FM 2201, and a 2017 GMC Sierra towing a 2025 PJ Trailer was going northwest on SH 199, the DPS said. The driver of the Charger disregarded a stop sign at the intersection and was struck on the driver's side by the Sierra.

The driver of the Charger, Carl Lorne

James Thomas, 33, of Mineral Wells was pronounced dead at the scene, the DPS said.

The driver of the Sierra, Tommy Herman Sizemore, 54, and passenger Chrystal Irene Reiten, 47, suffered non-incapacitating injuries and were taken to Faith Community Hospital in Jacksboro, the DPS said. Both are from Bridgeport.

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