

Date	Event	Location
Thurs, 7/4/24:	<p data-bbox="315 184 1073 216">Rockdale 150 Drone Light and Fireworks Show</p> <p data-bbox="315 226 1073 304">presented in partnership by the City of Rockdale, Rockdale Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Center, and Riot Platforms, Rockdale Walmart, Rockdale Downtown Association, and USA Technologies.</p> <p data-bbox="315 310 1073 422">Sesquicentennial festivities kick-off with a state-of-the-art drone light show on the 4th of July which will light up the night sky with patriotic and customized images reflecting Rockdale's past and present, honoring our community.</p> <p data-bbox="315 432 1073 459">Drone Show lifts off at 9:00P with fireworks directly afterwards</p> <p data-bbox="315 470 1073 497">Live Music featuring The Outsiders follows the Show (@ 9:30P)</p> <p data-bbox="315 508 1073 535">presented by the Rockdale Fair Association</p> <p data-bbox="315 546 1073 615">* Games & Activities for the Kids provided by the Rockdale Chamber</p> <p data-bbox="315 625 1073 653">* Food Trucks & Vendors</p> <p data-bbox="315 663 1073 690">* Beer Concessions by Rockdale Fair Association</p> <p data-bbox="315 701 1073 770">NOTE: No Ice Chests or Outside Food or Beverages allowed.</p> <p data-bbox="315 781 1073 850">Bring your blankets and lawn chairs to enjoy this awe-inspiring evening!</p> <p data-bbox="315 861 1073 930">Enjoy FREE ADMISSION to this family-friendly event at Fair Park.</p> <p data-bbox="315 940 1073 997"><i>For everyone's safety, all pets must be on-leash and please clean-up your pet's waste.</i></p>	<p data-bbox="1083 184 1333 216">Fair Park</p> <p data-bbox="1083 226 1333 283">200 Walnut St</p> <p data-bbox="1083 294 1333 380"><i>Free to Attend</i></p>
Fri, 7/5/24: 9A	<p data-bbox="315 1024 1073 1056">Rockdale First Friday Coffee:</p> <p data-bbox="315 1066 1073 1098">hosted by Main Street Bookshop</p> <p data-bbox="315 1108 1073 1165">* El Camino Real de los Tejas Traveling Exhibit on display 6/20/24 thru 7/20/24</p> <p data-bbox="315 1176 1073 1203">Exhibit sponsored by: Milam County Historical Commission</p> <p data-bbox="315 1213 1073 1360">* Books-to-Big Screen Movies & Books of the Eras Exhibit by Rockdale's Lucy Hill Patterson Library and the Sesquicentennial Committee, presented in partnership with the Kay Theater</p> <p data-bbox="315 1392 1073 1461">* 9-11A: Author Book Signings brought to you by the Sesquicentennial Book Committee and Main Street Bookshop</p> <p data-bbox="315 1472 1073 1541">Meet authors Mary Alford, Beverly Daniel, Kris Land, Greg Lawson, Shannon Mokry, and Marshie Morgan.</p> <p data-bbox="315 1551 1073 1583">* 10-11A: 1974 Time Capsule Unearthing</p> <p data-bbox="315 1593 1073 1650">* 11:30A: El Camino Real de los Tejas Talk by John Pruett PhD - ECR Rancheria Grande</p> <p data-bbox="315 1661 1073 1829"><i>Domingo Ramon's New Road to Texas, 1716:</i> Diarist, Priest, and fellow traveler Father Isidro Espinoza (John Pruett) will retell the adventure with the aid of Ramon's diary and with emphasis on the historical assets within the present-day Milam County segment of the trail.</p> <p data-bbox="315 1839 1073 1913">Roots in Rockdale Reception <i>presented by Discover Downtown Rockdale</i></p>	<p data-bbox="1083 1024 1333 1056">Lucy Hill Patterson Library</p> <p data-bbox="1083 1066 1333 1098">201 Ackerman St</p> <p data-bbox="1083 1108 1333 1140"><i>Free to Attend</i></p> <p data-bbox="1083 1213 1333 1241">Indoor Cooling Station</p>

*Come meet your neighbors who are revitalizing Downtown Rockdale at this come and go reception.
Food and Beverages provided. First 100 attendees receive a gift!
The Snug
121 E Cameron Ave
FREE TO ATTEND*

Fri, 7/5/24: **Movie at The Kay Theater: *The Hunt for Red October*** **The Kay Theater**
7P Visit www.kaytheater.org or [Facebook @KayTheater](https://www.facebook.com/KayTheater) for details. 350 N Main
FREE TO ATTEND

Read Tom Clancy's book *The Hunt for Red October* and enjoy the Books-to-Big Screen Series, a collaboration by Main Street Bookshop, the Kay Theater, Lucy Hill Patterson Library and the Sesquicentennial Committee.

Sat, 7/6/24: **Rockdale 150 Parade** **Downtown Hwy 79**
Parade presented by the Rockdale Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Center **Route:**
Starts 10A Kick off the morning with a Star-Spangled Sesquicentennial Parade, starting Downtown traveling down Hwy 79 to Fair Park. Green Street to Fair Park
Free to Attend

Join the Watch Party at The 1895 at 140 W Cameron Ave (9-11A)

[presented by Vision Historic Preservation Foundation](#)

featuring live music by Charlie Weyler (9A)

Support the VFW Auxiliary: Come enjoy Breakfast Tacos at The 1895.

[PARADE SIGN UP FORM](#)

Sat, 7/6/24: **Big Splash Birthday Bash at Rockdale's Fair Park** **Fair Park Arena**
11A-6P [presented by Rockdale Fair Association](#) 200 Walnut St
Free to Attend

Bring the whole family to enjoy the fun at Fair Park!
Beat the heat at the Water Park of water slides and obstacle courses.

*** 8A - Steak & Ribs Cook-Off begins**

*** 10:30A - Waterslides and Rides Open**

*** 11A - See a High-Flying Acrobatic performance by Lone Star Disc Dogs (Show Barn)**

*** 1P - Corn Hole Tournament Sign Up (Tournament Begins 1:30)**

*** 2P - Rockdale VFD Water Polo Challenge**

See Rockdale VFD Teams battle out their fire hose skills in a Water Polo Challenge!

Food Trucks and Beer Concessions by the Rockdale Fair Assoc.

NOTE: No Ice Chests or Outside Food or Drink Allowed

[COOK-OFF SIGN UP FORM](#)

Sat, 7/6/24: **Sesquicentennial Car Show** **Fair Park Grounds**
11A-2P presented by Rockdale Speedshop in collaboration with the Rockdale Fair Association *Free to Attend*

Come check out the Hot Rods and Cool Classics at the Sesquicentennial Car Show.

See SIGN UP FORM for participant information.

[CAR SHOW SIGN UP FORM](#)

Misting Tent Cooling Station by Rockdale Rotary Club

Sat, 7/6/24:

Alcoa History Panel Discussion

Kay Theater

6P

Presented by Riot in collaboration with Alcoa Retirees

350 N Main St

Join Riot for a moderated panel discussion between Alcoa retirees. Their work experience includes smelter, atomizer, construction, safety, environmental, power plant, mines, and engineering areas.

Free to Attend

Indoor Cooling Station