

Concierge Connection

"Helping Professionals Get Back to Business"

HOW TO USE THE CONCIERGE SERVICE

ORDER TICKETS MONDAY-FRIDAY

9:00 am - 5:00 pm

The delivery day for your building is every Friday by 12:00 pm; **all orders must be placed by 2:00 pm on Thursday, the day before.**

3 WAYS TO ORDER

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972-770-4045

EMAIL

services@conciergeconnection.org

WEB

www.cciservices.org

WE DO NOT ACCEPT PERSONAL CHECKS OR CASH.

We do accept ALL major credit cards, debit cards and company checks.

PLEASE have your credit card ready when calling. There is a \$25 NSF fee for all returned checks.

President Candace Rozell

candace@conciergeconnection.org

(Please do not send ticket orders to this email.)

Sales Tax Holiday

August 19 - 21, 2011

Texas shoppers get a break from state and local sales taxes on August 19, 20 and 21 - the state's annual tax holiday. Layaway plans can be used again this year to take advantage of the sales tax holiday.

As in previous years, the law exempts most clothing and footwear priced under \$100 from sales and use taxes, which could save shoppers about \$8 on every \$100 they spend. Backpacks under \$100 and used by elementary and secondary students are also exempt. A backpack is a pack with straps one wears on the back. The exemption during the sales tax holiday includes backpacks with wheels, provided they can also be worn on the back like a traditional backpack, and messenger bags. The exemption does not include items that are reasonably defined as luggage, briefcases, athletic/duffle/gym bags, computer bags, purses or framed backpacks. Ten or fewer backpacks can be purchased tax-free at one time without providing an exemption certificate to the seller.

Clothing & Footwear

Baby clothes, belts with attached buckles, boots (cowboy, hiking), caps/hats (baseball, fishing, golf, knitted), coats and wraps, diapers (adult and baby), dresses, gloves, gym suits and uniforms, hooded shirts and sweatshirts, hosiery, jackets, jeans, jerseys (baseball and football), jogging apparel, neckwear and ties, pajamas, pants and trousers, raincoats and ponchos, robes, shirts, shoes (sandals, slippers,

sneakers, tennis, walking), socks (including athletic), shorts, suits, slacks, and jackets, sweatshirts, sweat suits, sweaters, swimsuits, underclothes, work clothes and uniforms.

School Supplies

The 81st Texas Legislature passed HB 1801 (2009) expanding the list of items qualifying for exemption from Texas state and local sales and use taxes during the annual sales tax holiday in August. In addition to clothes, footwear and some backpacks, Texas families also get a sales tax break on most school supplies priced at less than \$100 purchased for use by a student in an elementary or secondary school.

Qualifying school supplies (if priced less than \$100): Binders, book bags, calculators, cellophane tape, blackboard chalk, compasses, composition books, crayons, erasers, folders (expandable, pocket, plastic, and manila), glue, paste and paste sticks, highlighters, index cards, index card boxes, legal pads, lunch boxes, markers, notebooks, paper (loose leaf ruled notebook paper, copy paper, graph paper, tracing paper, manila paper, colored paper, poster board, and construction paper), pencil boxes and other school supply boxes, pencil sharpeners, pencils, pens, protractors, rulers, scissors, and writing tablets.

For additional information, log onto http://www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/taxpubs/tx98_490/tx98_490.html. The site also includes information for purchasing supplies under a business account.

Friday Night Drags presented by SCION

Texas Motor Speedway

The excitement of drag racing continues this summer at Texas Motor Speedway with Friday Night Drags. Enjoy a night of drag racing and grand stand entertainment every Friday night through August 12. Gates and grand stands open at 6pm for practice and the Show-N-Shine event located at Gate 3. Grand stand entertainment begins at 8:30pm followed by drag racing at 9pm. Admission is \$7 for grand stands and the infield. Drag racing event participation is \$20. For more information, log onto www.texasmotorspeedway.com.

50 Fest

Free Community Summer Celebration at Amon Carter Museum of American Art, August 13, 5:30pm-9pm

ART. BANDS. FOOD. FUN. FREE. Find it all at 50 Fest, a free celebration of 50 years at the Amon Carter. Things to do at 50 Fest: Visit your favorite works of art; create your own masterpieces; boogie to live music by the Marshall Ford Swing Band and Del Castillo; blow bubbles and hula hoop with your friends on the plaza; cast your vote for the ultimate Amon Carter anniversary cake; say cheese in a photo booth; munch on hot dogs and ice cream; and become a part of museum history! All ages welcome.

Please leave your alcohol, coolers, and pets at home. For helpful information about 50 Fest parking and accessibility, please call 817-989-5030 or email visitors@cartermuseum.org. Additional parking for 50 Fest is located in select lots of the University of North Texas Health Science Center located north of the museum. For more information, visit www.cartermuseum.org/calendar.

8.0 Concerts on the Square with KXT

Sundance Square, Aug 11-Sep 8

The series takes place every Thursday night August 11 to September 8, featuring some of the best up-and-coming and established talent Texas has to offer. A diverse mix of genres, Concerts on the Square offers a number of performers that everyone can enjoy! Cover is \$5 and the show goes on 7-10:30pm on the patio. 8.0 also offers Happy Hour (Monday-Friday) from 3pm-7pm. For more information, log onto www.eightobar.com.

Yellow Rose Classic Car Show

Will Rogers Memorial Center, Saturday, August 13 (10am-10pm) & Sunday, August 14 (10am-6pm)

It's time for the 22nd Annual Yellow Rose Classic! The North Texas Mustang Club hosts the largest all-Ford indoor show in the southwest. Over 200 vintage, performance, and classic cars and trucks. Admission is \$12. For more information, log onto www.yellowrosecarshow.com.

Fort Worth Herd

CowCamp

This seasonal event offers visitors of all ages some real cowboy fun, while educating them on the cattle drives and the life of a drover. Observe various livestock and chuck wagon demonstrations and the equipment they used on the trail. Participants are taught roping skills, such as roping a dummy and trick roping. An essential for every real cowboy or cowgirl!



Participants are given the chance to try their hand at branding (no fire needed!), while learning about the historic use of brands and the meaning of the Running FW. Visitors test their speed and agility in stick horse races, sing along to campfire songs, and even learn a few dancin' steps!

Every Saturday and Sunday (through September 4) from 1:30-2:30pm at Stockyards Station, behind the Historic Livestock Exchange Building. Suggested donation is \$1 per person. Contact 817-336-4373 for more information.

Arlington Improv: August Promotions

During the month of August, clients of Concierge Connection can purchase 2 for 1 tickets at the Arlington Improv for the following shows:

- **Family Comedy and Magic Show (ages 5 & up): August 13, 27 (Saturday), 2pm**
- **Bret Ernst: August 4-7 (Thur, 8pm; Fri, 8pm or 10:30pm; Sat 8pm or 10:30pm; Sun 7:30pm)**
- **Steve Byrne: August 18-21 (Thur, 8pm; Fri, 8pm or 10:30pm; Sat, 8pm or 10:30pm; Sun, 7:30pm)**

To get the 2 for 1 special, please call 817-635-5555 and use the code words **conciierge connection**.

Fort Worth Home & Garden Show

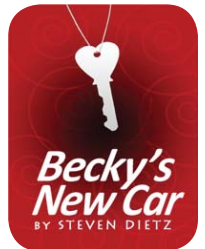
Fort Worth Convention Center, Saturday, August 13 (10am-8pm) & Sunday, August 14 (11am-6pm)

The very best place to see, touch, try out and learn about products and services for your home and garden needs! Attractions include: TNLA Gardens, Home Decor, Green Energy Living, Outdoor Storage Solutions, Kitchens, Bath & More, Outdoor Living, and How-to Seminars on the Home and Garden Stage! Tickets are \$9.50/AD and \$8/SR, children 14 and under are FREE. \$1 discount coupons available online and in your Tom Thumb Weekly Circular. For more information, log onto www.texashomeandgarden.com.

Professional Theatre in an Intimate Setting!

Circle Theatre to Premiere Becky's New Car, July 28-August 27

Becky Foster is a normal kind of gal who is married, middle-aged and a mom. She isn't exactly unhappy, but from her desk at a car dealership, she can't help wanting to know what else is out there. Unexpected plot twists and turns make this quirky comedy a journey worth remembering. (Adult Content due to subject matter.) Shows are on Thursdays at 7:30pm, Fridays at 8pm, and Saturdays at 3pm & 8pm. **You may obtain a \$5 discount on each full-priced ticket through your concierge** (excludes opening nights and previews). Use code "CCI" when placing your order online or at the box office.



Friday, August 19 is "University Night" at Circle Theatre. Student tickets will be available for \$5. Faculty and staff tickets are \$10. Use the code "UNIV" to qualify for this offer when purchasing tickets at the box office or online.

Student Rush tickets are available for half price, 30 min. before show time (on standby). Circle Theatre accepts the KERA Member Rewards Card, Sundance Square Inside the Square coupons and the Star-Telegram Press Pass. Seating is limited and reservations are recommended. Call 817-877-3040 or stop by Circle's box office (230 W. Fourth Street, Fort Worth), Tuesday through Friday, from 12pm to 5pm or one hour before show times. Circle Theatre now offers "24/7" online ticketing at www.CircleTheatre.com.

Fort Worth Cats

The Cats 2011 Season is here!

- August 1-3 vs. Lincoln SaltDogs
- August 12-14 vs. Amarillo Sox
- August 15-16 vs. Grand Prairie Air Hogs
- August 23-26 vs. El Paso Diablos
- August 27-30 vs. Shreveport Bossier City Captains



Contact your concierge for discount tickets; prices are

Mon-Thur, \$6; Fri-

Sat, \$10; Sun, \$5. You may

also order tickets by sending an email to ctroxell@fwcats.com, by calling 817-332-CATS, or in person (Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm) at the Cats stadium located at 301 NE 6th Street. If you do not order through your concierge, be sure to mention "Concierge Connection" when ordering to receive the discount prices above.

Texas Rangers

The Texas Rangers 2011 season is in full swing! Discounted tickets range from \$5-\$26 off the regular price and depend on your game date selection, section preference, and availability.



Friday Nights Fireworks Promotion:

Tickets will only be \$10 for all Friday games in certain seating areas, subject to availability. Parking for those games will be \$5 (instead of \$10). For a list of games and additional promotions, log onto www.texasrangers.com. Contact your concierge for more information or to order discounted tickets.

Many More Discounts Available!

We offer discounts to many Dallas area attractions and sporting events such as those at the American Airlines Center, various theaters, Dallas Stars, Dallas Mavs, and FC Dallas, to name a few. For those of you interested, please log onto our website at www.cciservices.org and click on the newsletter tab at the top of the page. Scroll down and click on the "Dallas" edition for details.

Performing Arts Fort Worth at Bass Hall

You pay no service fees or order charges when ordering through your concierge for all performances (Presented by: Performing Arts Fort Worth) at Bass Hall/McDavid Studio. August performances are listed below. For a



complete list of future performances, log onto www.basshall.com.

1964...The Tribute

Friday, August 5, 8pm

Saturday, August 6, 8pm

Featuring The Debbie Brooks Orchestra, *1964...The Tribute* takes its audiences on a musical journey to an era in rock history that will live in all of our hearts forever. The band has been hailed by critics and fans alike as the most authentic and endearing Beatles tribute in the world. *1964* recreates an early 1960's live Beatles concert, with period instruments, clothing, hairstyles and onstage banter. Rolling Stone has called *1964*, "the best Beatles tribute on Earth."

Garrison Keillor's A Prairie Home Companion Summer Love Tour 2011

Tuesday, September 6, 7:30pm

For more than three decades, Garrison Keillor has been the host of the radio variety show, *A Prairie Home Companion*, a staple of NPR. With his warm voice, dry wit and seemingly bottomless bag of heartwarming stories, Keillor is one of the most recognizable voices in radio.

Broadway at the Bass 2011-2012 Season

Shrek The Musical	Nov 8-13
White Christmas	Nov 29-Dec 4
Monty Python's Spamalot	Feb 7-12
Mary Poppins	Mar 27-Apr 8
Blue Man Group	Jun 26-Jul 1

Broadway Specials

The Wizard of Oz	Sep 30-Oct 2
The Midtown Men	Oct 26
Young Frankenstein	Mar 14-15

Broadway off Bass at McDavid

Dixie's Tupperware Party	Feb 15-19
Late Nite Catechism	May 2-6
The Wonder Bread Years	Jul 25-29

Concierge Connection Exclusive

Have you visited the new Cowboys Stadium yet? If not, here's your chance! Limited supply of tickets will be available to these two games (pending NFL lockout) for \$20 each (upper level) or other levels at \$40-\$45 while supplies last. Should you be interested in regular season games, call your concierge for pricing.



- ★ Thursday, August 11 at 7:30pm
Cowboys vs Denver Broncos
- ★ Sunday, August 21 at 7pm
Cowboys vs San Diego Chargers

Houston Astros

Friday, August 19 vs San Francisco

Giants at 7:05pm

View Deck II, \$7/View Deck I, \$9 (Reg. \$16); Mezzanine, \$12 (Reg. \$21); Bullpen Boxes, \$15 (Reg. \$27); Field Boxes, \$22 (Reg. \$41). For discount tickets to this game or other "select" games, contact Richard Tapia at 713-259-8303. Mention code: Concierge Connection.



Entertainment Passbooks

All the Fun. Half the Price.

We will be carrying Dallas and Fort Worth Entertainment Passbooks again this year at \$25 each. With hundreds of half-off and two-for-one coupons, the Entertainment Passbook is the best way to save money on dining, shopping, attractions and much more! We expect to receive our shipment by mid-August, so contact your concierge for a copy.

Don't Forget About Our New Blog!

Concierge Connection has created an additional blog and posted many coupons and discounts you can take advantage of, just by logging onto www.dallasconciergeconnection.com.

KRLD Restaurant Week is Here!

August 15-21

Don't miss out on the 14th annual KRLD Restaurant Week presented by Central Market—when more than 120 restaurants will offer three-course prix fixe meals for \$35. For each dinner served, \$7 will benefit the North Texas Food Bank and Lena Pope Home. A number of participating restaurants are extending the promotion for an extra week (August 22-28) or two (August 29 - September 4.)



Restaurant Week Preview

Experience KRLD Restaurant Week before anyone else during Restaurant Week Preview (August 12-14), when three-course meals will be offered for \$43.

Central Market Fourth Course

Central Market shoppers who spend \$25 or more will receive gift certificates (while supplies last) that they can exchange at participating Restaurant Week restaurants for an additional course. Certificates will be accepted as long as the restaurant is participating in KRLD Restaurant Week August 12-31.

For Restaurant Week, including the preview and the extensions, ordering off the regular menu is not included in this special price. Tax, gratuity and drinks are also not included. Reservations are required, and availability is limited. The participating restaurant list can be viewed at OpenTable.com. You may make your reservation by calling the restaurant, or reserving online at OpenTable.com.

Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra

Bass Performance Hall

525 Commerce Street, Fort Worth, TX 76102

Contact your concierge for a **10% discount on all performances**. A \$3 per ticket handling fee will apply (unless ordering 10+ tickets, a flat rate of \$10 applies to the entire order). September performances are listed below and season tickets are on sale now! For a complete list of future performances, log onto <http://fwsymphony.org>.

Violin Virtuoso

Miguel Harth-Bedoya, Conductor

Friday, September 16, 7:30pm

Saturday, September 17, 8pm

Sunday, September 18, 2pm

Violinist Augustin Hadelich, who performed with the FWSO at Carnegie Hall in 2008, joins the orchestra for the Spanish motifs of Lalo's *Symphonie espagnole*. Brahms' dramatic and passionate final symphony and *Slapdance* by composer-in-residence John B. Hedges complete the opening of the symphonic series.

The Planets: An HD Odyssey

Saturday, September 24, 8pm

The FWSO presents Gustav Holst's cosmic masterpiece *The Planets* as you've never experienced it before. Projected in HD on a giant screen above the stage, the latest images from modern space exploration provide a stunning visual canvas as the orchestra plays

Holst's glorious score. Documentary filmmaker Duncan Copp worked directly with NASA for this project that was completed just last year. Don't miss its breathtaking North Texas debut!

Dinosaur World

Take a journey into the past you will never forget. Dinosaur World has over 150 life-sized dinosaur models in a lush natural setting. There are many other activities available such as the Fossil Dig, the Prehistoric Museum, the Boneyard where you can unearth a life-sized dinosaur skeleton, a Mammoth Garden where you can learn about a mammoth herd and interact with a baby mammoth, and Caves where you can see a video theatre, subterranean picnic area, displays and more.

Let the children play on the playground while you watch from a covered picnic area. Food service is not available but picnics with the dinosaurs are encouraged. An outdoor classroom is available and educational materials can be provided or you may download educational activities from the website and use them there! The gift shop has a huge selection of fossils, dinosaur eggs, educational materials, books, toys, artifacts and more.

The Texas location (1058 Park Road 59, Glen Rose, Texas, just outside Dinosaur Valley State Park) is open every day from 9am-6pm (except Christmas day and Thanksgiving day). There is plenty of free parking including bus, motorhome and trailer space. Group rates of **\$5 per person** (educational rates) and **\$6 per person** (birthday parties and other groups) are available for 12 or more with advance reservations. Regular price admission rates are **\$12.75** (AD), **\$10.75** (SR over 60), and **\$9.75** (CH 3-12). Children under 3 and friendly pets on a leash are FREE. Season passes for all ages are also available. For more information, you may call 254-898-1526. **Contact your concierge and receive a \$2 discount on individual tickets.**



Experience one of the world's premier caverns, Natural Bridge Caverns. Take the Discovery Tour and see what millions of others have seen—an incredible underground world of natural beauty. Travel through a half-mile of the largest and most spectacular show cavern in Texas. You'll walk 180 feet below the ground, while listening to a knowledgeable tour guide. See awe-inspiring, ancient formations centuries in the making and still growing today, such as amazing stalagmites, stalactites, flowstones, chandeliers and soda straws.

Open daily at 9am. Visit www.naturalbridgecaverns.com for hours of operation and to learn more about other attractions such as the Natural Bridge Mining Company and Watchtower Challenge. Located between San Antonio and New Braunfels, off I-35, exit 175. For more information, call 210-651-6101 or visit the website. **Contact your concierge for discount tickets!**

World Football Challenge 2011

Barca vs Club America at Cowboys Stadium

Saturday, August 6, 3pm

Discount Prices: \$75 (No discount); **\$50** (Reg \$55); **\$30** (Reg \$35). Locations and price levels subject to availability. Contact Jason Brewer at 817-892-4656 or jbrewer@dallascowboys.net to order.

