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## Divas: Celebrate The Cabin in true Western fashion

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Western literature often revolves around a sense of place. The wide expanses and rugged terrain of the West add a unique flavor to the characters, experiences and stories from the area.

The Cabin helps capture that sense of place. From the iconic log cabin on Capitol Boulevard that is the group's home to its literary programs, The Cabin reminds us of the power of words and how the stories that we tell are a part of our landscape.

One of the few dozen centers in the country devoted to writing and reading, The Cabin is a place to engage the art of language, to meet novelists and poets and essayists, or to take a class or workshop. The Cabin offers educational programs, presents nationally acclaimed writers in conversation about their work, fosters dialogue about issues central to our lives, and supports writers growing into their careers. It is a place that keeps us rooted in the words and stories that allow our imaginations to soar.

Thursday, The Cabin will take the celebration of words to new heights by holding its Ex Libris literary auction and dinner at the Boise State Stueckle Sky Center. The event, which begins at 6 p.m., offers a chance to enjoy Western-themed festivities, such as a campfire dinner and a live auction with cowboy-poet Sam Matisse, while being surrounded by the panoramic views of the Western landscape. The theme is "Happy Trails!" and attendees are encouraged to either dress up or to wear boots and jeans.

Tickets are \$100 per person. For more information or to purchase tickets, call 331-8000 or visit [www.thecabinidaho.org](http://www.thecabinidaho.org).

### CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF IDAHO - LOAVES AND FISHES DINNER

There is a parable in the Bible in which Jesus is able to feed thousands of people with only five loaves of bread and two fish. Various denominations interpret this parable in slightly different ways, but it is meant to demonstrate the abundance of resources that can come about from love, service, hope and faith.

Every day, Catholic Charities of Idaho demonstrates this same ability to take a paucity of resources and provide life's necessities for our most vulnerable citizens. It joins together with sister agencies to provide emergency financial assistance and food and also fights to help reduce poverty and its effects in our region.

Our neighbors can often have many different stressful issues that arise and start to tear about at their family's fabric. Catholic Charities works with these families to provide a customized set of counseling and social services that uniquely address each family's circumstances to help strengthen that family and put its members on a more productive and peaceful path.

In collaborating with community partners, Catholic Charities is able to take the loaves and fishes it is given and leverage those resources to provide help to our friends and neighbors across the state.

You can support Catholic Charities of Idaho's services at the third annual Loaves and Fishes Dinner on Friday at the Boise State Stueckle Sky Center. The event starts at 6 p.m. and features a roast of Gov. Butch Otter by Lt. Gov. Brad Little and state Sen. John McGee.

Enjoy the good humor as well as the amazing view from the Double R Ranch Room as you support an organization that continues to help thousands of Idahoans.

Tickets are \$125 each or a table of eight for \$1,000. For more information or to purchase tickets, call 350-7483 or visit [www.ccidaho.org](http://www.ccidaho.org).

MORE EVENTS

**Life's Kitchen - Oktoberfest Wine Dinner:** Thursday; [www.lifeskitchen.org](http://www.lifeskitchen.org) or 331-0199.

**Kidding Around-Live at the Linen - A Benefit for Boise Rock School and Boise Nationals Soccer Club:** Friday; 859-0560.

**Idaho Partners Against Domestic Violence - Grapes Against Wrath:** Thursday; [www.idahopartners.org](http://www.idahopartners.org).

**Opera Idaho - Auction of Arias Gala:** Friday; [www.operaidaho.org](http://www.operaidaho.org) or 345-3531.

**St. Mark's Catholic School "Saturday Night Fever" Dinner & Auction:** Saturday; [www.stmarksboise.com](http://www.stmarksboise.com) or 375-6654.

**Idaho Foodbank - CROP Walk:** Sunday; [www.idahofoodbank.org](http://www.idahofoodbank.org) or 336-9643.

**The Linen Building Sunday Market Bike Sale Benefiting Boise Bicycle Project:** Sunday; [www.thelinenbuilding.com](http://www.thelinenbuilding.com) or [www.boisebicycleproject.org](http://www.boisebicycleproject.org)

**Ore-Ida Boy Scouts of America - Online Auction:** Monday, Oct. 19-Monday, Nov. 2; [oreidabsa.auctionfrogs.org/auction/](http://oreidabsa.auctionfrogs.org/auction/)

**Idaho's Bounty - Dinner at Red Feather:** Tuesday, Oct. 20; [www.idahosbounty.org](http://www.idahosbounty.org) or 401-4492.

**The Arc - Idaho Premiere of "A Friend Indeed - The Bill Sackter Story":** Wednesday, Oct. 21; [www.thearcinc.org](http://www.thearcinc.org) or 343-5583.

**A Concert for the Children by The Divas of Boise with Rosalie Sorrels - A Benefit for the WCA:** Thursday, Oct. 22; 841-4743.

**The Bra Project to Benefit St. Luke's Mountain State Tumor Institute:** Friday, Oct. 23; <http://womenscenter.boisestate.edu/index.cfm> or 426-4259.

**Chrysalis Women's Transitional Living, Inc. - Bowl-A-Thon:** Saturday, Oct. 24; [www.chrysaliswomenidaho.org](http://www.chrysaliswomenidaho.org) or 939-0345.

**Epilepsy Foundation - Sharon's Ride.Run.Walk:** Saturday, Oct. 24; [www.epilepsyidaho.org](http://www.epilepsyidaho.org) or 344-4340.

**Boise Rescue Mission & Idaho Peace Officers Memorial - Prison Break Marathon:** Saturday, Oct. 24; [www.prisonbreakhalf.com](http://www.prisonbreakhalf.com).

**Ballet Idaho - Halloween Costume Party:** Saturday, Oct. 24; [www.balletidaho.org](http://www.balletidaho.org) or 343-0556.

**Tiernan Irish Dancers - Harvest Ceili Dinner and Auction:** Saturday, Oct. 24; [www.tiernanirishdancers.com](http://www.tiernanirishdancers.com) or 466-5516.

**Bishop Kelly Foundation - Online Auction:** Sunday, Oct. 25 - Saturday, Nov. 14; [bk.auctionfrogs.org/auction/](http://bk.auctionfrogs.org/auction/)

**Boise State - Fall 2009 Online Auction:** Sunday, Oct. 25-Thursday, Nov. 29; [www.boisestateauction.com](http://www.boisestateauction.com)

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