



**KITTITAS  
VALLEY  
EVENT  
CENTER**

**KVEC**

**Monday-Friday**

**8 AM-5 PM**

**901 E 7th Avenue, Suite 1**

**Ellensburg, WA 98926**

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# The Breeze

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## Focus on Buck Brannaman Clinic

Classes: Horsemanship 1 (9:00 AM) & Ranch Roping (1:30 PM)

Open enrollment.

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Venue: Ellensburg Rodeo Arena - 1010 E. 8th Avenue, Ellensburg, WA 98926

Details: The Kittitas Valley Event Center is a PRCA-approved rodeo arena and is home to the top-ten Ellensburg Rodeo and Xtreme Bulls World Finale over Labor Day Week-end. Many of today's best rodeo horseman consider this facility to be the best arena and venue in the nation. The arena has huge covered grandstands, enormous circular track with professional cattle chutes, barns, stock pens, RV parks and plenty of parking. Spectators will have plenty of leg room and shade in the covered grandstands, and have a magnificent view of the horsemen below. Restaurants are within walking distance, as are several top-notch hotels.

The mission of KVEC is to serve the Central Washington area with a premier facility that provides the perfect solution for meetings, family gatherings, equestrian and agricultural events, trade shows, and other special celebrations. We are guided by the principle that our clients are **forever** and we strive to exceed expectations for quality service, event coordination, and facility management.



## A Note from the Director...

As we move into planning for the Kittitas County Fair and the Ellensburg Rodeo, Event Center staff spend more and more time getting ready to welcome about 100,000 people to our community over the labor day weekend. We work closely with the Fair Board and the Rodeo Board to make sure our facility is ready, make sure all the contracts with vendors and entertainers are in place, and provide guidelines for fair submissions from community members. At the same time, I have been working on securing funding for facility upgrades, hiring seasonal staff, seeking new event venue management software, and collaborating with the Board of County Commissioners on long-term planning elements. I'm also working with the City to include the Event Center in their 10-year Comprehensive Plan update process. A busy spring is blooming into an even busier summer!



Jill Scheffer



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## JULY EVENTS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

1-2	<b>Cascade Cow Cutters</b> 8:00 AM—10:00 PM
9	<b>Posse Youth Show</b> 8:00 AM—5:00 PM
10-14	<b>Northwest Wood Carving Academy</b> (Pre-Registration Required)
14-16	<b>Buck Brannaman Clinic</b> 9:00 AM—10:00 PM
20-23	<b>WA State Gourd Festival</b> (Pre-Registration Required)

In addition to these larger events, KVEC will be hosting **50** smaller meetings, gatherings, and agricultural events in July.



Neil Sautter

KVEC Motto:

**Our guests are our  
first priority.  
What is important  
to them is  
important to us.**

## Spotlight On: Neil Sautter

Neil Sautter is a member of the Maintenance team at KVEC. For the past four months, Neil has been helping prepare KVEC for events that happen on our property.

Neil's job at KVEC includes anything that has to do with keeping the grounds clean and ready. He is involved in indoor room set-ups, outdoor grounds keeping, and prepping Bloom Pavilion and the Rodeo Arena for animal events. He enjoys this job because it is active and physical. He especially enjoys running the equipment and keeping the grounds and venues clean and presentable. He has had jobs doing many different things during his life, so he brings with him to KVEC a wide variety of skills and an ability to work efficiently to achieve a goal.

When he is not at work, Neil enjoys spending time with his family. He has a great time going to visit his daughter at the Orthodox Greek Monastery in Goldendale and helping out with projects there. He wants everyone to know that KVEC is a unique venue that adds value to our community and that he appreciates the opportunity to be on the team that makes this venue available to the Kittitas community and beyond.