

# Author with Brooks roots passes through on book tour

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Author Ken Budd is a busy man.

In the midst of a fall tour promoting a handful of literary efforts, he's hitting upwards of 60 dates in more than 35 communities between now and November 8.

"We've got it chopped up into legs to make it a bit more manageable," he said.

Since retiring as a teacher, Budd has operated SummerWild Productions, a boutique publishing company, while continuing to write.

While he has written more than two dozen books he said the *Buddy Williams* series are his first novels. He is currently touring the four book set across western Canada.

In 1982 Budd said he found himself at the Banff Centre where he studied with W.O. Mitchell. He says this adventure sent him on a journey producing books which continues to this day.

"One day Mitchell was reading one of my pieces," he said.

"When he was done, he said that it was great grist in the mill and to make something of it. Eventually I looked at the grist and it became the Buddy Williams books," he said.

Set in the early 50s, the novels look fifty-plus years back with nostalgia.

Growing up in North Battlefield, Budd spent his high school years in Brooks. He returned after high school with a Phys. Ed degree from the University of Alberta to Nelson's Men's Wear working for Bev Nelson Sr.

"One day Supt. Jack Church walked in and was looking for a teacher. Bev helped make the match and get me that job," he said.

"That was a great year. I was 19 dealing with 14 and 15 year-olds. I could write a whole book on that one class."

Budd holds the distinction of being the first Phys. Ed teacher at Brooks Composite High School.

"The gym is in a different

place now," he chuckles.

While in the area Budd's book tour took him to the Brooks and Duchess libraries.

"Things then got added. I found myself up at Berry Creek and at the high school speaking to English and ESL classes," he said.

Budd said he is comfortable with all the face time.

"It is part of the business to sell the work."

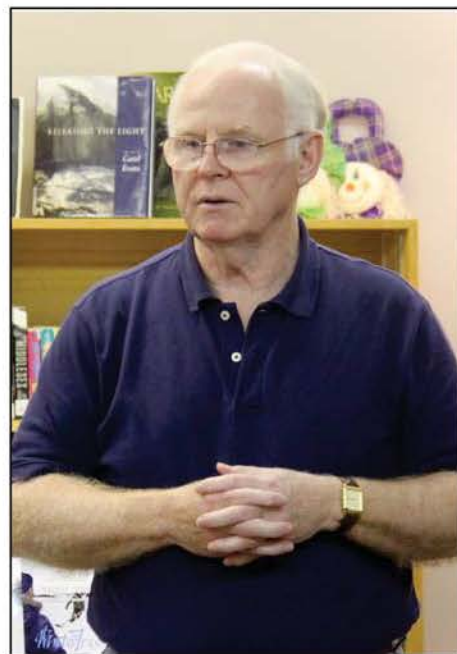


PHOTO BY ROB BROWN  
Author Ken Budd chats with fans of his fiction at the Duchess Library.

## NEWBROOK LODGE

### 10th Anniversary

of our Residents Suites.

We will be having a Come & Go on

**Friday, September 19, 2014**

from 1:00 - 3:00 P.M.

Join us to celebrate with Coffee & Cake.



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- Two-Step
- Jive
- Waltz
- Rhumba

## "EXPERIENCE DANCE"

Social & Ballroom  
Dance Classes

begin

Wednesday,

October 8, 2014

Prairie Pioneer Centre, Brooks



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For more information or to register call  
**403-501-5753 Evenings**

## Prairie Pioneers 55+ Club

PRAIRIE PIONEERS - Fall and Winter are coming faster than we like, so now is the time to get involved with some of the many activities at our centre. On Mondays we have pool at 9:30, Duplicate Bridge at 12:30, Bocce at Evergreen Park at 6:00 P.M. Whist will soon begin in the evening. Tuesdays we have Line-Dancing at 9:30, and Floor curling at 1:30. Wednesdays pool at 9:30, Contract Bridge 12:30, and ballroom dancing at 7:30 P.M. Friday we have choir Practise at 10:00, Floor curling at 1:30 and Cribbage at 7:00 P.M. We will soon begin with our Pot-Luck dinners.

There has been some interest in Shuffleboard, so if anyone would like to organize a group, please come forward. At the present time, we don't have anything happening on

Thursdays.

Have a good week.

Floor Curling results for Sept. 9, 2014.

Skip - Butch Olson, 3rd - Jon Goerzen, 2nd - Leo Smith. Skip - Gabe Prohaszka, 3rd - Jean Holden, 2nd - Zelma Smith. Skip - Grank Virovec, 3rd - Mariel Prohaszka, 2nd - Alice Bell.

Skip - Terry Rice, 3rd - Willy Bell, 2nd - Frank Nester.

Sept. 9, 2014 - Floor Curling.

Skip - Mariel Prohaszka, 3rd - Willy Bell, 2nd Zelma Smith, 1st - Leo Smith.

Skip - Butch Olson, 3rd - Mary Webber, 2nd - Alice Bell.

Skip - Frank Virovec, 3rd - Terry Rice, 2nd - John Goerzen.

Skip - Gabe Prohaszka, 3rd - Frank Nester, 2nd - Dina Barath.

We hope you can join us for the

## Communities in Bloom

Communities in Bloom, Alberta

### Commemorative Forest Dedication Ceremony

## Wed., Sept. 24 at 2 p.m.

The Forest is west of Lake Stafford, and east of the Brooks Cemetary

Watch for signs. Bring a lawn chair if you'd like to be seated.

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## Sage Brush Arts Society

### ART SHOW & SALE

## September 26-28

Alberta Culture Days

To be held at the Engineer's House, EID Park next to the Public Library

**Friday, September 26**  
WINE & CHEESE OPENING RECEPTION by Invitation Only

**Saturday, September 27**  
OPEN: 10 am to 6pm

**Sunday, September 28**  
OPEN: 10 am to 3:30 pm

Outdoor Painting Demonstrations WEATHER PERMITTING

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# FINAL REGISTRATION

The Brooks Skating Academy announces

## FINAL REGISTRATION FOR THE 2014 - 2015 SEASON

Registration dates will be:  
Sept 17 & 18  
Time: 5:30 - 7:30 pm  
Place: Lakeside Leisure Center

Late Fees for all other programs will be charged after Sept. 18.

Cash or check only, sorry no Visa or Mastercard. Please bring your child's AB Health Care card.

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