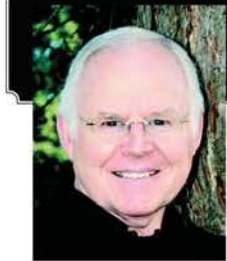


**SPRINGRUSH: THE NOVEL - NOW AVAILABLE ON BOOKSTANDS AND ONLINE**

Last book in juvenile fiction series by Prairies' author released



**KENNETH BUDD**

Buddy's year of adventures is complete! SpringRush, the final chapter in THE ADVENTURES OF BUDDY WILLIAMS series, is now available to readers. And in celebration of this final release, author Ken Budd, a retired teacher, will venture across Western Canada this fall to promote the work. Over a three-month period, Budd will sign books at five-dozen Indigo, Chapters and Coles—and some independent—bookstores, from Victoria to Winnipeg and throughout the four western provinces. A complete itinerary of his tour is available on [www.summerwild.ca](http://www.summerwild.ca).

The series, through its four novels, SummerWild, FallGently, WinterFree and

**BOOK READINGS**

Kenneth Budd will be doing readings from his books at

- Berry Creek Library and school on Tuesday, September 9th, from 1:15 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.,
- Brooks Library on Tuesday, September 9th, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and
- Duchess Library on Wednesday, September 10th, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

SpringRush, follows the exploits of an eleven-year-old who lives in the fictitious community of Buffalo Crossing for a year of his life in 1953 and '54. His cohorts, Métis, Riel Bellevue, and pampered 'Mokey' Mortimer Stackhouse, join Buddy on adventures in Nature, where they often learn they are at odds with their parents' edicts to be safe. As a result, the excursions test family dynamics, and Buddy continually endeavours to ameliorate frustrations he causes his extended family.

The first installment, SummerWild, sees the cast enjoying summer at the cottage, where Buddy

discovers revelations in the natural world, experiences his first tragedy, and meets a teenager, Cree native, Joe Starblanket. In FallGently, the boys return to school to find that a new teacher, which they nickname The Red Witch, can make school time more like a prison sentence, even though Principal 'Army' Armitage, does his best to defuse explosive situations. In this novel Buddy comes face-to-face with his greatest loss ever and is presented with challenges that grow from that loss. Then, during WinterFree, Buddy cannot seem to help making grave errors in judgement, choices that

almost destroy all of the fundamental beliefs he has counted on forever. Even religion cannot offer salvation. Finally, SpringRush creates opportunities for Buddy to redeem himself, the question being whether he has the mettle to salvage his future.

Born and raised until his teens in North Battleford, Saskatchewan, and who attended high school in Brooks, Alberta, Budd's own fond memories of life on the Prairies became the impetus for the series, assisted by a summer of practicing creative writing at the Banff Centre with W.O. Mitchell. Set in the early fifties, the novels look at a different time in Canada, inviting readers to reflect on how our customs and values have changed—some dramatically. Worthy of study in educational settings, each novel is accompanied by a Student Study Guide, co-authored by educator Robert Marthaller. The themes and



values evident in the books are appropriate for a wide range of maturities and skill sets, including public and private grade schools, alternative programs, home-schooled students, and advanced ESL studies. Indeed, older folk have recognized incidents in the series that evoke memories of their own childhoods,

and are enlivened by the reminiscing they get to enjoy.

The novels are available at Chapters, Indigo and Coles Bookstores in the Local Interest section, online at [Chapters.ca](http://Chapters.ca) and [Summerwild.ca](http://Summerwild.ca), or as e-Books through Chapters, Kobobooks and Amazon.

**Bow City Signal**

BY JOYCE CALVERT



**BOW CITY** - Boy the weather sure knows how to change in a hurry. We go from under twenties one week then down to the teens the next week with showers on and off. Mother Nature has her way.

The County of Newell Mini Bus has been coming to Scandia and Rainier for some time now but there has been a change made. Instead of every Tuesday it will now run every other week. This service provides transportation to Brooks and is available to all adults in the County of Newell. The fee is per rider for a return trip. For more information or to book a pick up call 403-363-7890.

For bookings for the Rainier hall please phone Jane at 403-793-0692. Also to book the Rainier arena please phone Ray McColl at 403-793-7080 or Stacie Pearson at 403-362-0753. The arena fees are very reasonable. This is a great arena and the outside riding arena season is closing in on being done weather wise so take advantage while you can.

The Legion Dances are starting again and the next one is Sept. 6th and the great band "The Softones" from Tilley will be playing. It only runs from 7:30 pm to 1: pm at which time there will be a potluck lunch. There will also be a steak draw

throughout the evening, a door prize and everyone is welcome You do not have to be a Legion member to attend these dances.

Happy birthday to Ken Calvert who turns a year older on August 30th, our youngest son Mark turns 41 on August 1st, Ashley Koenig is a year older on Sept. 2nd and Haley Baxter turns the big 20 on Sept. 3rd. Have a good one all of you.

Dan and Wanda Smith were rained out in Turner Valley so they were home for the weekend. Devin Smith from Coaldale visited with us on Thursday.

Saturday was a busy day around here. Jerry had to haul water to Fincastle,

grandson, Jordan and his gal pal Megan, from Black Diamond and Calgary popped in for a quick but nice visit around noon, then I went to Taber to watch grandson Garrett play in a slow pitch tournament there.

Come on Bow City if you have news for the paper please get a hold of me Sunday night at 403-362-2206.

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**Brooks Street Rod Association**

**STREET CLOSURE NOTICE**  
A portion of 2nd Street West between 1st and 2nd Avenue will be blocked off extending past the Chinook Credit Union on 2nd Street West. The street on the east side of the Chinook Credit Union and the parking lot behind City Hall will also be blocked off. The area of 1st Avenue between 1st and 2nd Street West will be blocked off and the portion of 1st Street West between 1st and 2nd Avenue will be blocked also for the show (same as previous year's show). This street closure has been approved by The City Of Brooks.

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