

# Tok conference celebrates reawakening

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There is a Native American Prophecy that says that we are now in an Age of Awakening, that the seeds from the Tree of Knowledge are scattering and that the Rainbow People are waking up.

I read that the day of this new age began Aug. 17, 1987. That's all I read, but it interests me because on Aug. 17 of that year my youngest daughter and I arrived in Barrow, which is my grandmother's homeland,

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and Bridie drew a picture of herself with rainbow eyes.

I read about the prophecy a couple of years later, and I thought, "How interesting."

It's great to think about these kinds of things because when people envision an ideal together the ideal can

become a reality.

This is happening at Tok at the Rural Provider's Conference May 29-June 2. Communities will be gathering to celebrate their awakenings. They are reawakening to the possibilities of community sharing, healing and growth.

The conference aims to celebrate the Spirit of Family and to give credence to the traditional and contemporary values of today's Native families.

There will be potlucks, prayers, traditional dances, wellness activities,

games, community sharing, Nulukatuk and 15 workshop presentors who will share their knowledge and good ideas.

This Rural Providers' Conference is sponsored by the Tanana Chiefs Conference Upper Tanana Sub-Region and the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Department of the Rural Alaska Community Action Program.

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