

Did Wien lose freight destined for Hooper Bay?

President
Wien Air Alaska
4100 International Airport Rd.
Anchorage, Alaska 99502

Dear President:

Today is the 1 month anniversary since my roommate and I delivered a package to Wien in Anchorage for shipment to Hooper Bay. We paid in advance for your freight service, a reasonable request at the time. But since we have not received our shipment, we believe that this has become flagrant misrepresentation of "service" to deliver goods. After 30 days, this is no longer service. It is the gross abuse of a right to contract with the public.

I believe such service warrants a complaint, especially when I personally know of several other people who have experienced similar delays with their food when shipped air freight through Wien.

It is my opinion that such neglect and delays in service (especially when the weather has been good up to this date) should result in a revocation of Wien's license for freight and bids be opened to other carriers who could do an adequate job.

Minimally, all of Wien's routes should be opened for competition for a 6 month period, then let the public decide which carrier or carriers should receive a franchise based on service and treatment. For your connections to Hooper Bay, it is more than evident that Wien/Bush Air cannot handle the trade.

In one more week I will place a claim with Wien for "lost" merchandise. I hope Wien at least acknowledges claims resulting from grossly inadequate service. With so much time elapsing, I can only surmise that our package is lost or was damaged beyond replacement.

The thought of damaged goods brings me to another series of problems along with Wien's choice of a contract carrier that frequently crashes, but let this letter only tackle one "minor" problem at a time.

Sincerely,
Richard Nathan

cc: Tundra Times

Comments on X-CED article

Dear Editor:

I have read with great interest the article in the January 25th edition of the Tundra Times entitled: "Why X-CED should succeed in bush."

The article does a magnificent job in describing the potential the X-CED program has.

I would heartily encourage the author to do a follow up article on what the graduates of the X-CED program have actually done in the bush.

The last five years of my life have been spent in St.

Student writes views on subsistence

Dear Editor:

I read a short article written by Gordon Riley of Minto. Well, I agree with what he said on subsistence. We all know that subsistence is a big word in today's world.

Now, let me tell you about a little story I know. It all started when I was growing up. Well, my dad used to take me out trapping with him. We would always come home with something to eat or bring a lot of fur. One time when we came home, my dad started talking to me. He said, "Son, when you get older you're not going to live like this anymore. There'll be a lot of people moving to Alaska. They'll be taking the land and living off of it. You'll just be pushed aside." Then he said, "When you go out to school, try to learn the white man's way so you can go out and fight for your own rights to freedom of subsistence. The game warden will be getting paid a lot of money just to get Indians in a lot of trouble." "Our Corporation" he said, "is a big one and we have our rights to the land as much as the state has its rights."

Well, I agree with what my dad said to me and what I think of subsistence. Subsistence is the way I was brought up and taught. My people, the Athabascans, only take animals from the land for use.

About two years ago, some people from Minto wrote about what the hunters were doing with what they caught. In the fall you would usually see old, rotten ducks that were left by a hunter who came down to Minto for the weekend.

I, being from Minto myself, saw what they were doing to our hunting grounds. People used to come in and dirty the land and take the food that we lived on. I believe that in a few years we won't have any game in this land of ours.

And, about Carlos Frank. Well, what I read in your paper was pretty interesting and on behalf of myself, I think that was a brave thing that he did for my people. We all know that in our traditional way of life all Natives have a potlatch to honor of someone's death. That is why they go out and hunt for food or save up some for that reason. Maybe if the state wins we will have to go buy 1,000 pounds of weiners to honor our dead. Where do you think we will get all that money to feed 500 people for four nights?

I know that all Natives in Alaska are behind Carlos Frank and also so is our corporation. We shall win a victory for our way of living and keep on fighting for our subsistence rights.

Well, good luck to Carlos Frank.

This letter is what I've thought of writing for a long time.

From a boarding home student at Nulato, Alaska.

Sincerely,

Wilson Titus, Jr.
11th Grade
Nulato High School

Mary's. I have had the privilege to work with both Native and non-Native teachers. None of the non-Native teachers fits the characterization of non-Native teachers depicted in the article. Perhaps I am luckier than most.

Keep up the good work. You are doing a great service to all the people of Alaska.

With every best wish, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

Walter E. Brown
Superintendent
St. Mary's Public School
District

Opposes capital move

Dear Editor:

I recently wrote Alaskan legislators about the capital move; below is the text of my letter:

"How would it be if each and everyone of you would just stop and think a moment what the Capitol move means?"

"It is not too late to call a halt to this crazy idea, dreamed up by a few Anchorage politicians. You can stop it now before any more millions and billions of dollars are wasted on surveys, studies, planning and what-have-you."

"Building a new city in the Willow brush, and destroying a beautiful Capitol would be a terrible calamity for all of Alaska financially and many other ways."

"I have talked to tourists, coming into Juneau, for over sixty years. In the nineteen hundreds and today, they all say 'You have one of the prettiest Capitols we have ever seen.'"

"Where else in Alaska can the big tour ships anchor in a harbor within view of the Governor's Mansion and State Office buildings?"

"If you must spend four to six billions dollars to build a new city, why not use that money toward constructing a railroad? How nice it would be to have trains running from Anchorage down the Alaska Highway corridor connecting with the Canadian Railway System! This would be far better and greater value to the people and State of Alaska in the future, than wasting that amount of money on a new city."

Trevor M. Davis