

Airline gets new route

Great Northern Airlines, began passenger service to Nome and Kotzebue Monday August 27.

Great Northern is using a Convair 580 jetprop all passenger aircraft according to George Patterson, the Convair senior vice president of the airline seats 44 passengers.

"The newly inaugurated service will be all first class with complimentary meal and beverage service," Patterson noted. "And our seating configuration is only two abreast, instead of the usual three," he added.

The schedule for the green and gold airline that has served Alaska since 1946 will offer

daily roundtrip service from Anchorage to Nome and Kotzebue Monday through Saturday departing Anchorage at 7:30 a.m. Service for Fairbanks and Prudhoe Bay departs Anchorage at 2:30 p.m. daily except Sunday.

Patterson said, "The passenger service counter will operate in a portion of the service counter previously occupied by Western Airlines.

"The Convair 580 is a new airplane to Great Northern's fleet," Patterson said. "It is an all-passenger aircraft and will not carry freight in the passenger compartment like other airlined flying the same routes," he said.