

Prospector posse:

Some of the keenest minds in the mine business meet in Cranbrook starting today.

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Lions chase Eskimos:

The Soothsayer Challenge isn't good for the Lions as they face the Eskimos with second place in the CFL West on the line.

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City/Region — Miners meet in Cranbrook

SPECIAL

Prospectors and exploration geologists from B.C. and the U.S. will gather today in Cranbrook to start five days of workshops and field trips to exchange geological field work data regarding the Belt-Purcell Basin.

This geological formation, stretching from Invermere through to the southern parts of Montana and Idaho, is host to the Sullivan mine and other lead, zinc, copper and silver mines.

The conference will be opened by Kootenay MLA and Mines Minister Anne Edwards.

"Mining, both here and south of the border in Montana and Idaho, has always been a vital resource industry. It keeps people employed, it feeds their children and families, it builds homes and helps pay mortgages," said Edwards.

"For these reasons, it is not just beneficial but necessary that we share our information and encour-

age each other to explore and develop mineral potential at new and existing mines."

Talks and papers on regional geology, specific mineral deposits and other topics related to the Belt-Purcell Basin will be presented. The regional journal Northwest Geology, published by Montana State University, will publish the findings of the workshops and field trips. Attendance is limited to 150. All the field trips have been fully booked.