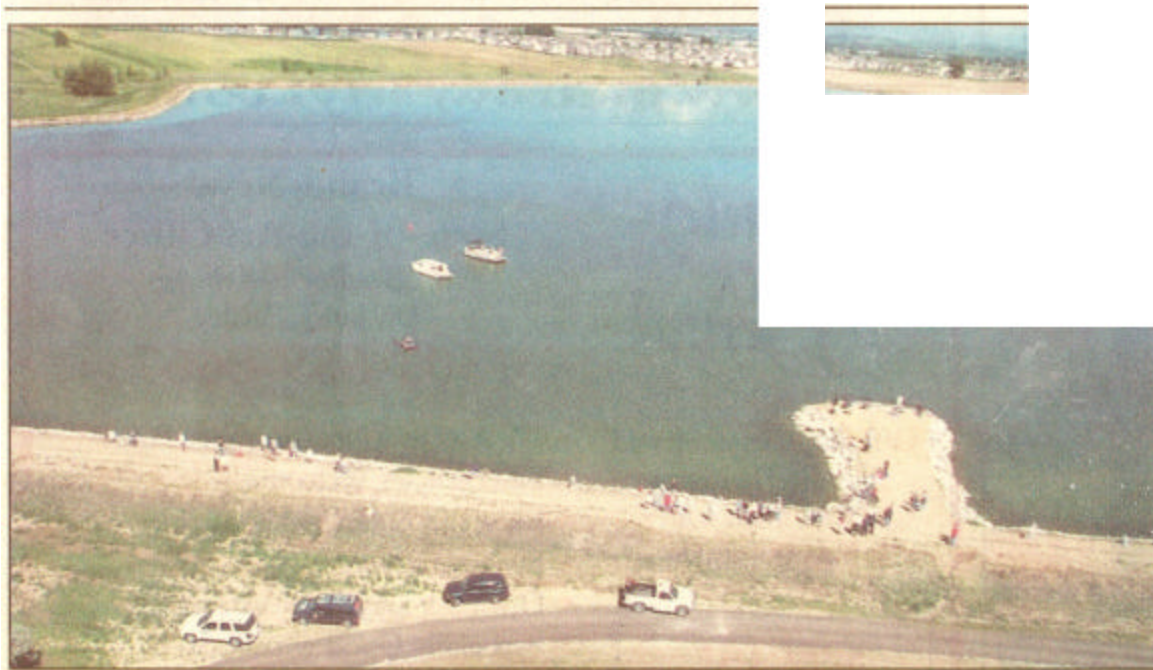


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Spectators lined the shore of Milavec lake as training boats were maneuvered into position by the local water rescue team. One boat was sunk as a permanent training tool. *Photo by Michael Neilson*

## *Water rescue training focuses on local lake.*

**By Michael Neilson**  
*Farmer & Miner Editor*

The boat didn't sink as quickly as anticipated, but Matt Kramer's faithful old beat-up diving platform now rests on the bottom in the deepest part of Milavec Lake in Frederick.

Starting at 8 a.m., the Frederick-Firestone Water Rescue Team spent most of July 3 getting basic instruction and hands-on, in-the-water practice to master critical water-rescue techniques.

The team's principal instructor is certified and highly experienced diver Matt Kramer from the Scuba

Shack in Frederick.

The sunken boat now becomes a permanent training facility for divers undertaking rescue and recovery operations.

There were 12 water rescue team members present that Saturday morning plus six additional firefighters.

Battalion Chief Jim Sullivan of the Frederick-Firestone Fire Protection District is team supervisor.

He said that all team members are certified divers, but the point now is to "take everyone through advanced

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