

Kerry Hardy loves the Maine outdoors

By KEN BAILEY

As I pulled into the driveway at Kerry Hardy's Greenacre Road farmhouse in Lincolnville, I was greeted by three barking dogs and a cat that immediately lost interest in my presence.

Once the household pets announced my arrival, Kerry greeted me at the door with a smile and a firm handshake. For the rest of this sunny, spring afternoon, we would talk about his love of the outdoors and his personal and business interests, nearly all of which take place under Maine's ever-changing skies.

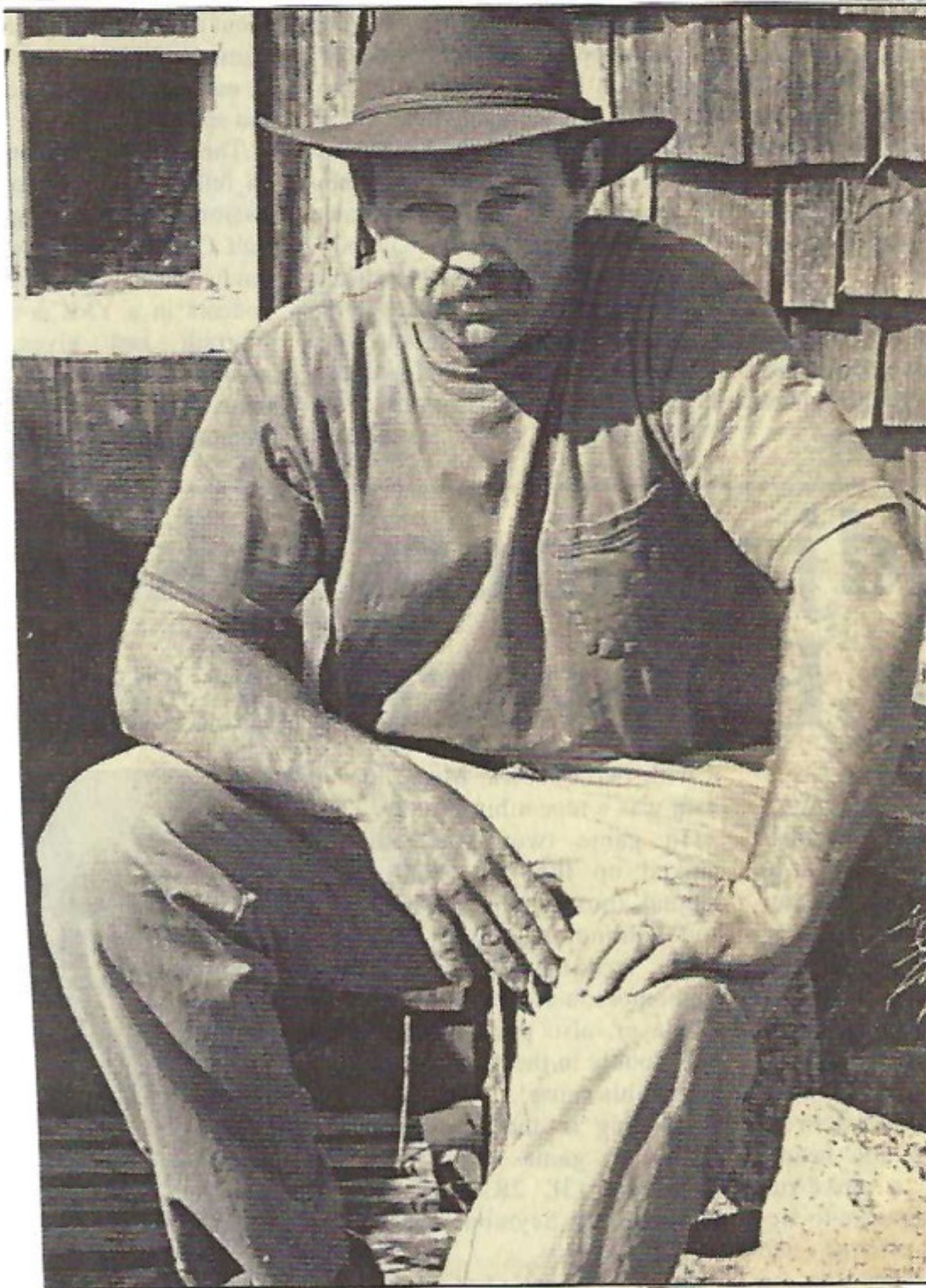
Hardy grew up in Lincolnville's Youngtown Corner. It was here that he made his first excursions into the surrounding woods, looking for deer under the guidance of his mother, Carol, who used to take him and his sister Cathy out for the day.

He has also spent many memorable days fishing and hunting with his father, Ken, his cousin Bill Chalmers or any of his boyhood friends he could talk into going along.

He might not want his children to know this, but Hardy admitted with a smile, "The first day of fishing season and the first day of hunting season were always official no-school days."

Hardy learned at an early age to enjoy the harvests of his outdoor pursuits and to respect his quarry. He also came to realize the need to protect and conserve our natural resources.

Hardy graduated from Camden-Rockport High School in 1973 and attended the University of Maine at Orono for three years before trans-



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