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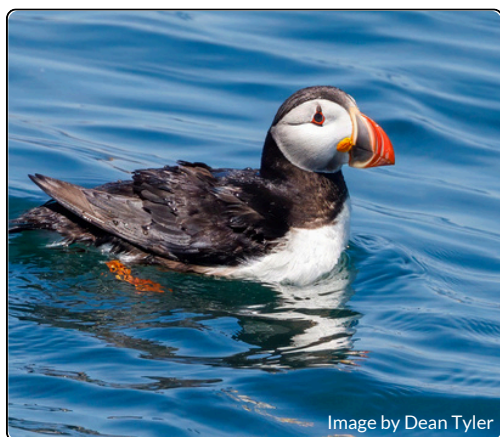


Image by Dean Tyler

Images from professional photographer Dean Tyler
 on our Whale Watch trip in late July 20, 2024.
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MOUNT DESERT ROCK LIGHT

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The conical granite structure was one in a series of lighthouses in Maine designed by architect Alexander Parris. A bell tower and fog bell were added in 1858, as well as a new lantern with a 3rd order Fresnel lens. The bell was replaced by a steam-powered whistle in 1889. The present keeper's house was built in 1892. The station was electrified in 1931 and automated in 1977; around that time, the lantern was removed and the lens was replaced aero-beacon. In 1985, a replica of the lantern was installed, and circa (c.) 1995, the aero-beacon was replaced with a VRB-25 lighthouse system.

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MOLLY SIDELL

August brings us a bounty of vegetables and color in our gardens, sometimes more than we can keep up with! Anyone with a vegetable garden knows the blessing of too much summer squash and zucchini, leaving baskets full on neighbor's porches. The heat of summer brings us the best gift of all: garden tomatoes! So many varieties, so many juicy gems. Here are some tips for caring for your tomato plants:

Suckering: "Suckers" are new shoots that come off the base of your plants and the crook between the stalk and leaf stem. These suckers can pull energy away from your leader vine, producing smaller fruit, making for a heavy, hard to stake plant. If you leave too many suckers, they create a messy plant, reducing airflow and trapping moisture—an ideal environment for tomato diseases. Leave one sucker towards the bottom of the plant to mature and create a second "leader" vine—this will produce more fruit for you without the chaos of leaving all the suckers. Remove leaves from the base of the plant that touch the ground—this will help reduce risk of molds and diseases. Plant basil and marigolds around your plants to ward off pests—some even swear these plants improve the taste of your tomatoes. Be sure to fertilize when you first see flowers, and then again when fruits start to develop. Tomatoes are heavy feeders, so fertilize more regularly if your plants are in pots and if you planted them in the same spot as the year before. When first planting, amend your soil with fish and seaweed compost. Throughout the summer, try Neptune's fish emulsion and bone/blood meal. Save your leftover coffee grounds, eggshells, and shellfish remains to incorporate in the soil surrounding your tomatoes they will be so happy! Sorry you didn't scoop up more tomato plants from the nursery? Tomatoes are incredibly vigorous growers, and you can root one of the suckers to establish another tomato plant! Look for suckers at the base of your plant. These may already have roots into the ground. Alternatively, place your sucker cutting in water for a few days and transplant into your garden or pot once you see roots forming.





The heat of August brings us another garden chore: **Deadheading.**

Deadheading entails removing faded/spent blooms on your flowering plants. This practice should be part of your regular summer garden maintenance and proves just as important as regular watering and fertilizing. You may remove just the spent bloom for ease, or down to the next notch in your plant to keep things tidy. Be careful not to mistake a bud for a spent bloom. Carefully examine plants to differentiate between seed pods and buds. The reason for deadheading: More blooms! The more you cut the more you'll get. Forgoing this practice will cause your plant to go to seed more quickly. Remember, your plant's goal is to reproduce before fall, so deadheading encourages your plant to make even more beautiful babies! I highly recommend listening to the Grateful Dead as a cheeky soundtrack to this sometimes tedious task. The shape of your plant will determine where you cut off the blooms. Plants that produce flowers on single stems should be cut down to the next set of leaves. These plants include: such as dahlias, zinnias and scabiosas. Multi-stems include plants like cosmos, sunflowers, some varieties of daisy, rudbeckia, and ageratum require a bit more fuss to avoid removing new buds next to spent flowers. Be patient, the extra blooms are worth it! For plants with clusters of tiny flowers such as candytuft or dianthus, and feverfew, lightly shear the entire plant to encourage rebloom. A time saving tip for vigorous bloomers such as nepeta, coreopsis, and most types of hardy geraniums is the Chelsea chop. The name comes from Chelsea Flower Show in London where the gardeners prune down their perennials to delay flowering for the show.





It's important to note, not all plants require deadheading. In fact, many need to go to seed so you will see them again next year. Examples of self sowers include, digitalis, forget me knots, and hollyhocks. Tip: Forget-me-nots can be quite unattractive after they've spent their blooms. Wait for the seeds to dry out, then chop to the ground or pull plants by the root and shake out the seeds! Leave flowers with attractive seed pods or dried flowers be. This includes, baptisia, poppies, nigella and hydrangeas. Leaving the seed pods and dried flowers creates visual interest and texture for your fall garden! Some plants that don't require deadheading include most flowering shrubs and trees, alyssum, lobelia, stone crop, begonias and impatiens (if you are patient enough to let them fall off on their own...), and heuchera (the long stems and dried flowers add a lovely texture to the garden,

Slug tips: Boy has this been a slug and snail season! The general consensus amongst gardeners on the island—they've become immune to Sluggo. Most of us have been using Cory's this year, so you may have trouble finding it on the shelves when you go to Browns Hardware and the garden center. It's best to find a solution that doesn't harm beneficial insects or animals. For this reason, I try to avoid using diatomaceous earth and more intense traps/poisons. You can try the old trick of putting a dish of beer in the garden for the slimy guys to drown their sorrows in. The best way is prevention. Slugs and snails love dark, moist places. Remove lower leaves (this is especially important to protect our dahlias!) and keep the ground below your plants as tidy and debris free as possible. Go out after a rain and pick them off by hand. Attract their natural predators by incorporating a small frog pond and inviting birds to your garden with feeders in late winter/early spring. Tip from my dearest gardener friend: turn off drip irrigation and water by hand if you have the time this will lower the prolonged surface moisture slugs adore.



For our purposes, this method is about saving time on plants that are tedious to deadhead but will rebloom after a harder chop. Gather a handful of spent blooms, alike you are gathering a ponytail, and chop evenly with your pruners. Work your way around the plant until you achieve your desired shape. This will take a bit more time for the plant to bounce back to an attractive point, but it's a great time saver for a busy gardener and gives the plants a pleasant, round shape.







For woody stems: soak in water for at least 20 minutes before making your final arrangement cut. Many say woody stems need to be crushed in order to soak up water, but this can cause stems to rot more quickly—you can try a clean slice up the middle of the stem (about an inch) instead. Rinse your vases with a little bleach, vinegar or high proof alcohol to kill any bacteria from previous arrangements. Add a teaspoon of sugar and a half a teaspoon of vodka to your vase. The Sugar will help feed the plants and the vodka helps preserve them and ward off bacteria from quickly growing in the water as the plant materials break down. Change the water every few days for longevity. Tip: many flowers you cut will be accompanied by a bloom with a stem too short for arranging. Put these in little bottles or bud vases through your home—perhaps a windowsill, bathroom sink, or bedside table.



Flower arranging tips: Don't be shy with cutting flowers from your August garden. Many plants are super generous, giving us more the more we take! Most annuals, especially dahlias, zinnias and cosmos are plants that keep giving! Like in any composition, think about balancing texture, shape, and color. Consider what large flowers are featuring in your garden. Right now we have dahlias, sunflowers, hydrangeas and lilies. Surround these feature flowers with smaller petals and textures. Decide if you want your arrangement to be symmetrical or asymmetrical. The human eye loves triangles, draw a triangle around your arrangement with your mind's-eye. Does the balance encourage your eye to travel around the different points of the arrangement? Consider where the arrangement will be in your home. If it's for the dining room table, you may want to keep it low so you can see all the beautiful faces across from you. We love the harmony of a simple pallet and the contrast of complementary colors. Make your flowers pop by using colors on opposite sides of the color wheel such as: blue with orange and purple with yellow. If you want a softer, more minimal look, combine colors closer together such as pinks and blues. Notice your garden in a new way by selecting one color to work with- for example, go through your garden selecting all the pinks you have blooming at the moment and challenge yourself to arrange those. Monochromatic arrangements make for a lovely, simple and contemporary design. This could be fun for your kids too. Send them on a scavenger hunt of sorts to see how many blooms or leaves of one color they can find-maybe you'll end up finding a new wild flower you've overlooked before. Tips: try to harvest your flowers early in the morning, before the heat and when the stems are most full of water. Harvest flowers that are just about to fully open up- this is especially true for dahlias, lilies and roses. If you are able, use a very sharp knife to make a quick cut- this keeps the stem open to more easily drink. Scissors and sheers can pinch the stem. Whatever tool you use, make sure it is clean and sharp. Carry a bucket of water along with you so they can start drinking right away. Store in a cool dark place until you are ready to arrange. If you need your arrangement to last as long as possible, spritz the blooms with water and put them in your fridge for at least a few hours before arranging them.





Featured Listing

TEE HOUSE



Welcome to the "Tee House" lovingly named as it abuts the 10th tee of the Northeast Harbor Golf Course. This classic summer cottage exudes all the Northeast Harbor charm and warmth of summers in Maine. The Tee House allows for proximity to town hand-in-hand with the privacy of a wooded backyard where you can enjoy your iced tea on the updated rear deck. Original hardwood fir flooring, brand new hot water heater, classic cast iron wood stove, and a new washer & dryer are just some of the things the Tee House has to offer. Reach out for a showing today!

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photo guide

LOCAL PHOTOGRAPHERS AND SOME PRO TIPS



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iPhone tips

SIMPLE PRO TIPS FOR YOUR VACATION IMAGES

Clean your iPhone lenses.

(Wide angle, normal and telephoto)

- check the lenses for any issues like cracks or scratches.
- dust off and clean with soft cotton or eyeglasses microcloth.
- Very important because these lenses are small. Any smudges or fingerprints may degrade the color and sharpness.

Turn on the grid

- go to Settings and scroll down to Camera and turn on the option to display Grid lines.
- This will help you to compose a good horizon line. Cropping later can help but you may lose part of the image depending on how tight the main subject is in the frame.
- These frame lines will not become part of the image.

Adjust your focus & exposure

- using the yellow box in your frame.
 - touch the screen and move the yellow box to correctly focus on a point in the image to ensure it's sharp. This can be especially important when using the portrait mode. If you are not zoomed in usually most of the frame will be sharp.
 - Next to the yellow box is a vertical yellow line which you can adjust the exposure. The slider will adjust the image lighter or darker. Note that moving the camera to another area may change exposure based on what it sees. It's always adjusting to average balance.
 - When you take sunset images note what you're seeing and adjust as necessary. It will be more important later if you choose to have your images printed for display.
 - Remember the more you stabilize your phone in any conditions your images will be sharper, especially in low light situations. Another option is to simply brace yourself against something solid, a tree, rock, or another person. Take a breath and shoot!
 - Unless you are shooting something within 5-8ft turn off the flash. Beyond that, it will not be terribly effective.

Making the exposure.

Of course, you may use the main round button on the screen or either of the volume buttons on the left side of the iPhone. Hold as still as possible!

Edit/cropping your images.

You will have very few images that don't need some attention.

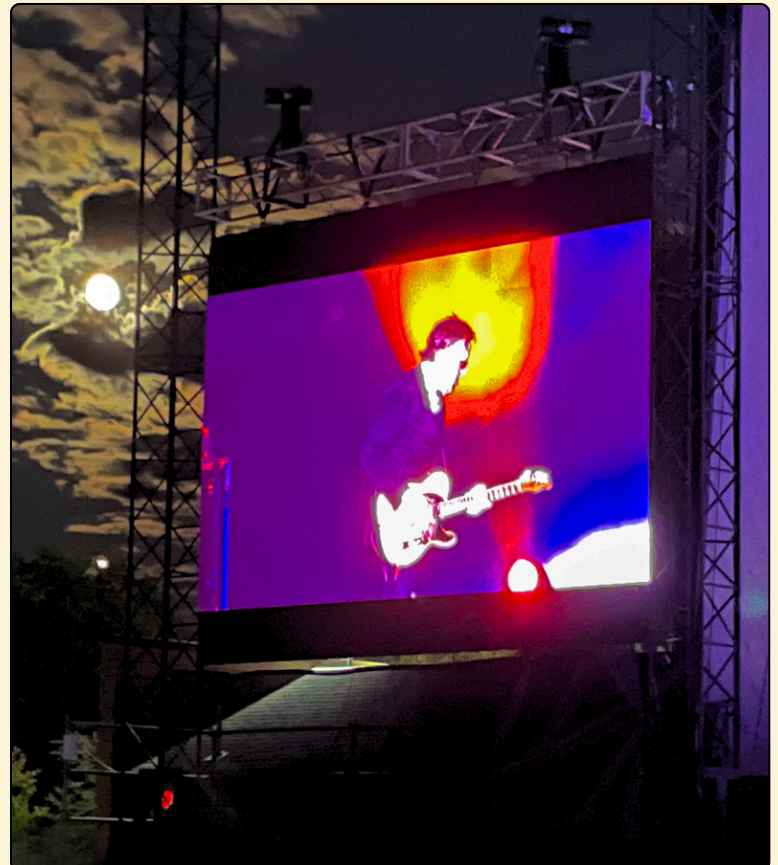
- Crop
 - it would be a very rare instance that a professional photographer would not crop images. Look for things that may distract from the overall feel of the image.
 - Note if you crop out a very small portion of the image you may see some degradation in image resolution when enlarged.
 - Color correcting your image. This could be a book in itself so just the basics. You have an "Edit" mode with several options.
 - Exposure (adjust the density first)
 - Saturation (will increase the color saturation)
 - Warmth (this will change the color temperature)
 - Towards late afternoon the color temperature of natural light will be warm or 'yellow'. Adjusting this will help bring the color back to the original if needed.
 - Explore these options to understand balance points.

Print your images!

- I have a friend who has 80,000+ images on his phone. Printing select images, matted, and framed with glass is priceless. You will remember the moments every day. There are many online services for Giclee Prints which are archival. The cost these days is about \$11 for an 11x14 or 8x12. Fifteen years ago this print would have been only available at a professional lab for \$100's of dollars. No plug here, but search for Finerworks to get an idea of what's available. Always have prints done Giclee on archival paper and they will last generations.



Bar Harbor at dusk -Last Whale Watch boat docking.



"Moonrise" over The Maine Saving Ampitheater - Joe Bonamassa.



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A close-up photograph of a strawberry shortcake dessert. Several golden-brown, crumbly shortcake cookies are arranged around and between fresh, sliced strawberries. The strawberries are bright red with visible green seeds. The background is a soft, out-of-focus white, suggesting a plate or tablecloth.

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Since 2012, Bar Harbor Whale Watch has been a participant of Whale SENSE, a voluntary program that helps to promote responsible whale watching practices, education, and ocean stewardship. This program is a collaborative effort with Whale and Dolphin Conservation, NOAA Fisheries, and Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary.

Research interns with Allied Whale at the College of the Atlantic join us on every trip to collect information about the whales and other marine species!

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PUFFINS THROUGH THE LENS



The scientific name *Fratercula* comes from the Medieval Latin *fratercula*, friar, a reference to the black and white plumage which resembles monastic robes. The specific name *arctica* refers to the northerly distribution of the bird, being derived from the Greek ἀρκτος ("arktos"), the bear, referring to the northerly constellation, the Great Bear.

...From the College of the Atlantic











EEL FOR LUNCH!







Mount Desert Rock is a remote treeless island situated approximately 25 nautical miles south of College of the Atlantic.

Since the early 19th century the island has had a light tower, and various buildings to house light-keeper families. In the 1950s the island was occupied by the United States Coast Guard. Now it is the home of the Edward McC. Blair Marine Research Station.

In the early 1970s, students, staff, and faculty from College of the Atlantic visited the island. They noted that the site was a prime location for marine mammal research. Both Mount Desert Rock and the nearby Inner Schoodic Ridges are areas of upwelling, creating localized zones of high biological productivity. Species commonly sighted included humpback (*Megaptera novaeangliae*), finback (*Balaenoptera physalus*), and northern right (*Eubalaena glacialis*) whales, harbor porpoise (*Phocoena phocoena*), common (Delphinus delphis) and white-sided dolphin (*Lagenorhynchus acutus*), and harbor (Phoca vitulina) and gray (Halichoerus grypus) seals.

In cooperation with the US Coast Guard, Allied Whale, the marine mammal research division of College of the Atlantic, seasonally occupied Mount Desert Rock for several decades. Mount Desert Rock became the base of summer operations for Allied Whale, and provided a foundation for important studies such as the development of photo-identification techniques for humpback and finback whales. In the mid 1990s, occupation of the island ceased as the US Coast Guard reviewed the need for Mount Desert Rock as part of the network of lighthouses off the coast of Maine. In 1996, College of the Atlantic acquired the island from the US Coast Guard.



ACTIVE RESEARCH

College of the Atlantic continues to maintain an active presence on Mount Desert Rock. Recently, Allied Whale completed GOMSIP (the Gulf of Maine Stable Isotope Project), using Mount Desert Rock as a base of operations. This permit, mediated research studied the impact of climate change on the trophic ecology of local whale species. Based on its success, Allied Whale has begun GOMSIP II, which will extend the study to include examination of individual diet histories using baleen, as well as calculating body health indices using drone captured images of the entire whale. With the Gulf of Maine becoming one of the most rapidly warming patches of ocean any where in the world, such research is critical in designing effective conservation management of all large whale species, but especially the highly endangered North Atlantic right whale, *Eubalaena glacialis*.

Members of Allied Whale, together with staff, faculty and administration of the college, continue to spearhead the development of Mount Desert Rock as a fully operational research station that will eventually expand its research repertoire beyond marine mammal science.

As an example of this, annual studies of the seal colony of Mount Desert Rock have provided ample evidence of predation such as shark bites on hauled out seals, doubtless because of the northward shift of shark populations permitted by the Gulf's warming. These observations have prompted a deeper investigation into the populations and behaviors of sharks in the area, recently expanding to include the study of large predatory sharks in the area such as great white sharks (*Carcharodon carcharias*) and shortfin mako sharks (*Isurus oxyrinchus*). In 2022, students of the college and members of Allied Whale successfully deployed a VR2W acoustic receiver off the southern coast of Mount Desert Rock in the efforts to detect any tagged sharks in the area.



Smile You're on Candid Camera!

Although the Coast Guard maintains right of access to the aids to navigation equipment on the island, College of the Atlantic is responsible for the buildings and maintenance of the structures on Mount Desert Rock.

COA ACTIVE RESEARCH

Life on “The Rock”

Mount Desert Rock has four buildings perched precariously on its rocky ledges; the boathouse, light tower, generator shed and light-keeper's house. The boathouse has space for four research inflatable boats, and is rigged with a hydraulic hauling system and chain hoist. The light tower reaches over 70 ft above sea level, and has two exterior platforms provide excellent views 360° around the island. The generator shed is currently used as an equipment room; the college plans to convert this space into a wet-lab. Finally, the house itself has accommodations for 20 researchers/students, 2 classrooms, a recreation room, kitchen and dining room, and radio room.



Self-sufficiency

Power is currently provided by a small gas generator supplying a bank of deep-cycle batteries that distribute 110V mains power via an inverter. Plans exist to convert this system to a solar array, with the generator supplying emergency power only. Rainwater is collected via a roof collection system, is stored in two large cisterns in the basement of the building and provides a non-potable freshwater source for bathing, washing, etc.. Drinking water currently must be shipped in, although the College has proposed to install a desalination system.

editorial copy thanks to the COA website.



Featured Real Estate Agent

THE KNOWLES "VILLAGE" TEAM



Megan Adler Moore

Sales Agent

Megan returned home to Mount Desert Island in the Summer of 2022 after graduating from American University's School of Public Affairs where she spent her time working as a legal assistant for a medical malpractice law firm in D.C. and completing her Bachelor's degree.

Having the experience of growing up in Bar Harbor and watching her grandfather, Gary Adler, own and operate his various properties (formerly the Adler's Town and Country Store and Adler's Dress Shop) Megan knew she wanted to return home and start her own business ventures. Currently, Megan is in her second year of Real Estate and has started working on her own Tiny House project. She has enjoyed a fruitful start in her career alongside her close mentors at The Knowles Company.

"COWBOY"

RESCUE HORSE AT WHITE CAPS WINERY, MEGAN'S GRANDMOTHER'S WINERY AND RESCUE FARM IN UPSTATE N.Y.



MEGAN...

In addition to being full-time in Real Estate, a decision Megan marks as one of the best choices she ever made, Megan continues to devote her life to the service of others with her respective Notary Public and Marriage Officiant licenses. She looks forward to officiating her first wedding at the end of this month and sharing her love for Mount Desert Island with others.

Megan spends her time outside of the office with her beloved cold water swimming group -- plunging in the Ocean at times when most wouldn't, as well as volunteering for Island Connections to assist in the shared vision of keeping members of the community independent & at home as they age or experience a lack of mobility.

Currently, Megan has two beautiful homes for sale in Northeast Harbor, "Tee House" and "Waypoint." She recently represented her Buyer clients in the purchase of a \$1,595,000 oceanfront property in Trenton. She has additionally sold a beautiful craftsman style home in Brewer on behalf of her Sellers. She enjoyed both transactions equally as she endeavors to help both Buyers and Sellers in every capacity that she can.

Megan as a bridesmaid in her dear friend Maq's wedding last October in Acadia National Park



1 Megan pictured at the Lincoln Memorial in D.C. on her graduation day in 2022
 2. Megan & her brother Timothy at his recent graduation from The University of Maine
 3, 4 Megan's cold plunge group, the Salty Mermaids
 5,6 Skiing in Maine

Vacation Rentals Fall Discounts

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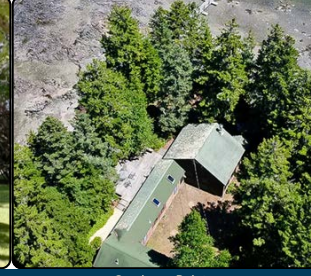
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Vacation Rental Team



BLAKESLEE BELL

RENTAL AGENT

Born in Washington DC, Blakeslee moved to Northeast Harbor as a small child and spent her formative years here. Graduating from the Madeira School followed by St. Lawrence University, Blakeslee abandoned plans for law school and threw herself into teaching at Hurricane Island Outward Bound School. She taught sailing expeditions off the coast of Maine and in the Florida Keys for nearly a decade, teaching adolescents, adults, and Military Veterans.

Following an amazing run with Outward Bound, Blakeslee then spent a number of years making long haul yacht deliveries. Finally shedding her vagabond ways, she moved back to Northeast Harbor.

Blakeslee is thrilled to be part of the Knowles Company Rentals team, bringing with her an intense work ethic, and a passion for this beautiful island she is grateful to call home.

KATE CHAPLIN

OWNER, LISTING AND RENTAL AGENT

Having spent summers on nearby Little Cranberry Island, Kate moved from Baltimore to the Mount Desert Island area in 1993 and married Bar Harbor native Courtney Chaplin soon after. Kate is a graduate of Davidson College with a BA in English. Her early careers include teaching for The Stony Brook School and Oldfields School, and a brief stint with Windswept Publishing House in Somesville. She started working at The Knowles Company as office manager in 1994, then transitioned to the rental office and became a rental agent in 1996. After a hiatus to raise her family, Kate returned full-time to the rentals office in 2011, bringing a wealth of rentals experience, local knowledge, and love for the area.

She and her three children make their home in Northeast Harbor. She currently serves on the Northeast Harbor Library Scholarship Committee, and enjoys hiking with her dog Josie, and visiting family and friends on Islesford whenever possible. In 2022, Kate joined the ownership team of The Knowles Company as a minority owner.



Vacation Rental Team



KERI HAYES

RENTAL AGENT

A Connecticut native, Keri landed in Maine a week after graduating from Muhlenberg College and has been proud to call Mount Desert Island home for over 30 years. She resides in Bass Harbor where she is raising two teenagers and her dog, Charlie.

Keri joined the Knowles Company in 2022, after spending 16 years producing conferences across the U.S. and around the world. Prior to that, she worked in publishing, including a stint as the sportswriter for the Bar Harbor Times in the early 1990s. She brings great problem-solving skills and a local's knowledge of our beautiful island to her new role of finding people the perfect place to spend their vacation. Keri holds strong ties in her community, serving as the chair of the Tremont School Committee and as a member of the Mount Desert Island High School Trustees. She is a regular elections volunteer in Tremont. Over the years, Keri has enjoyed coaching two generations of local children on recreational league softball, soccer, and basketball teams and as a long-time coach of middle school girls' softball and soccer.

In her spare time, Keri enjoys hiking and cross-country skiing in Acadia National Park; time on the water whether in a kayak, sailboat or motorboat; photographing her kids' sporting events; gardening; and traveling.

NIKKI HOOPER

RENTAL AGENT

A graduate of College of the Atlantic, Nikki traded her childhood mountains of Western North Carolina for the mountains of Mount Desert Island. Falling in love with the coast of Maine as soon as she arrived, she chose to make it her home and raise her family close by in Orland.

She joins The Knowles Company rental team with a background in nonprofit community health and customer service work. She most recently taught nutrition education in the communities of Hancock County for Healthy Acadia. She loves working to assist others in finding the ideal rental home for their varied needs, utilizing her knowledge of the area to ensure a perfect fit. Now residing in Bucksport with her husband Ezra and their blended family of almost grown teens, they're always working on a house project (or five!) and turning their lawn into gardens. An animal lover from the beginning, they currently have three rescues – pups Ruby and Bernie, kitty Vixey, and 20 or so chickens.



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MARLA JONES

ONLINE MARKETING AGENT

Marla is our Online Marketing Agent and has been with The Knowles Company team for close to 13 years. Her role involves marketing vacation rental properties on the VRBO platform and assisting homeowners and tenants with the rental process. You will appreciate her personable nature and attentive service in all aspects of the rental process!

Originally from Bar Harbor and raised in Midcoast Maine, Marla graduated from the University of Maine and spent several action-packed years raising two sons and a daughter, while co-owning a wholesale lobster business catering to hardworking Maine lobster fishermen on Vinalhaven, the largest offshore island in Maine.

In her spare time, she enjoys hiking/biking Acadia, kayaking, skiing, travelling, and spending time with her children and new grandchild.

HOW WE BEGAN

In the late 1770's European settlers inhabited the shores of what is now Bar Harbor. The early residents were mostly comprised of farmers, fishermen, and others who came to the area to stock that The Knowles Company founder, Belle Smallidge Knowles.

The summer of 1898 was an eventful one for Belle Smallidge. Early on, she wandered into the library looking for a summer rental. Belle offered her services and knew it she was working full time finding rental properties for others. Thus was launched Mount Desert Island's oldest and most successful real estate firm, The Knowles Company. For a complete historical timeline of the company's brokerage in the United States.

1903



STILL RENTING TODAY



The Joy Block also housed the law office of Jerome Henry Knowles. The two fell in love and were married in 1903 in Belle's home, a cottage on the shore, now known as "The Elms." 120 Years later, "The Elms" is still standing and is a continued seasonal rental for The Knowles Company.

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Featured Rental Property

125 Years of Vacation Rentals.

Pretty Marsh Cove

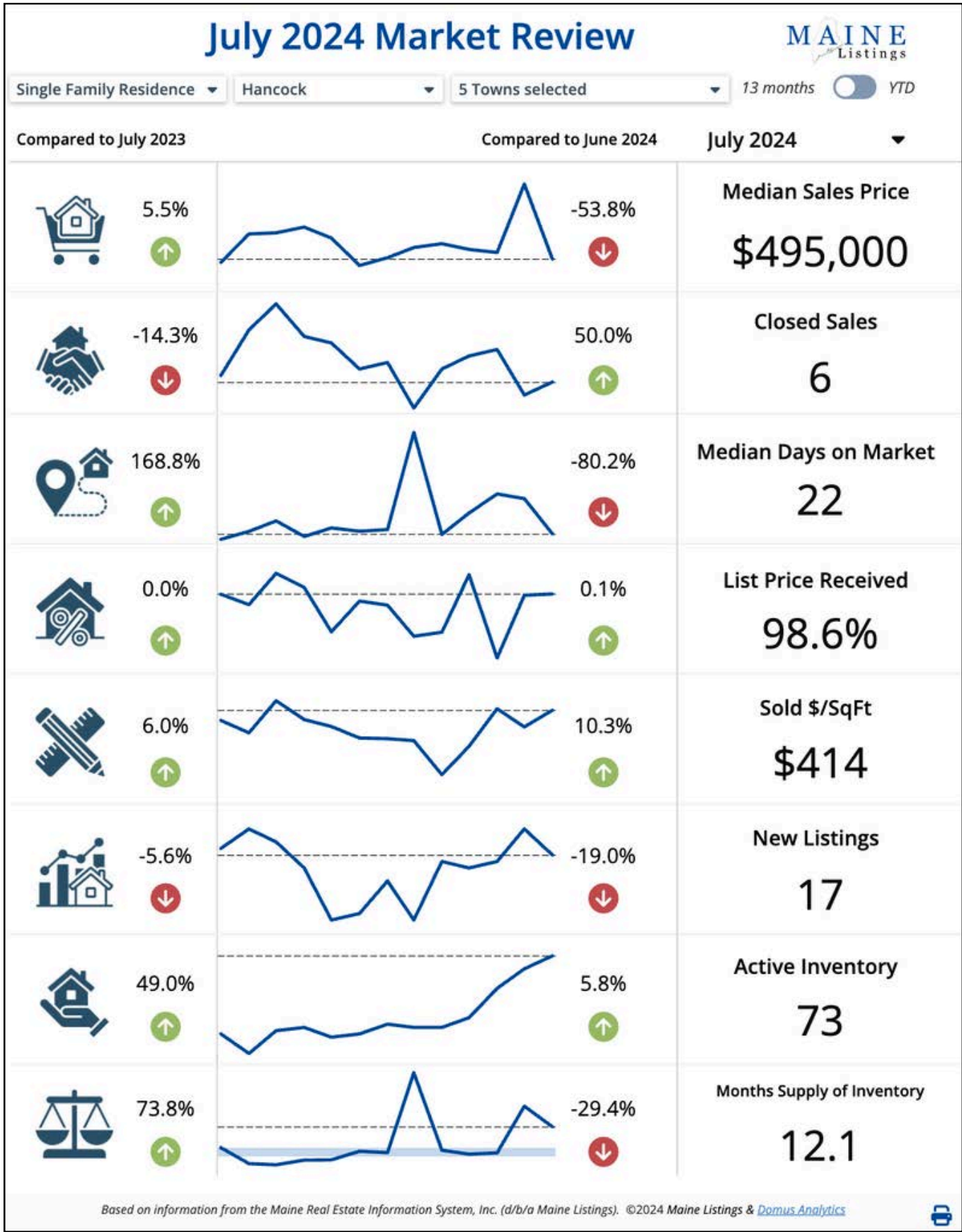


Poised above the shores of a peaceful cove overlooking Sawyer's Cove and Bartlett's Narrows beyond, this beautifully designed home embraces the light and views and offers a completely private escape for your Mt. Desert stay! Available during prime weeks and off-season."

Available weekly July, August, September, and October. Call The Knowles Company for more information! (207) 276-3322

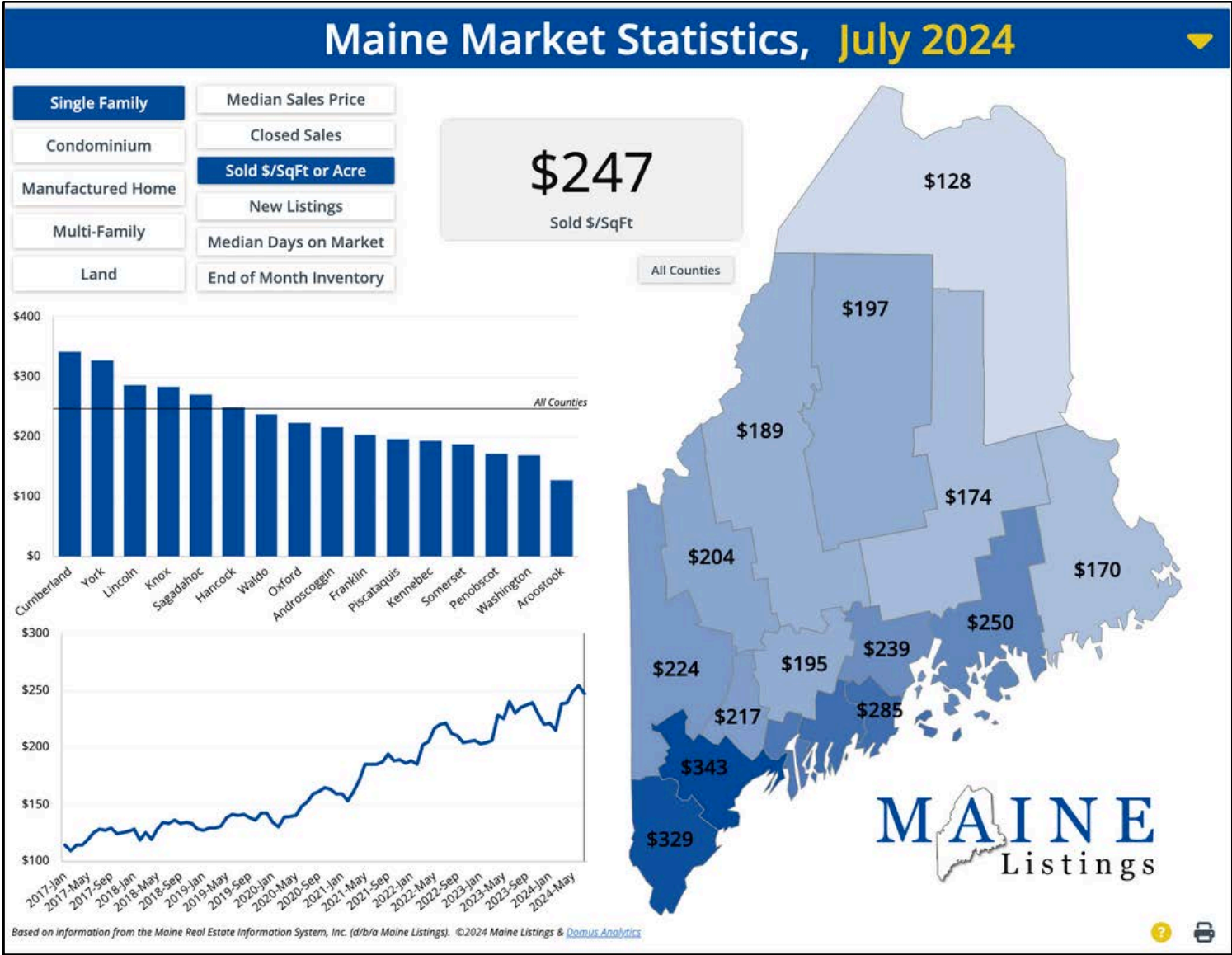
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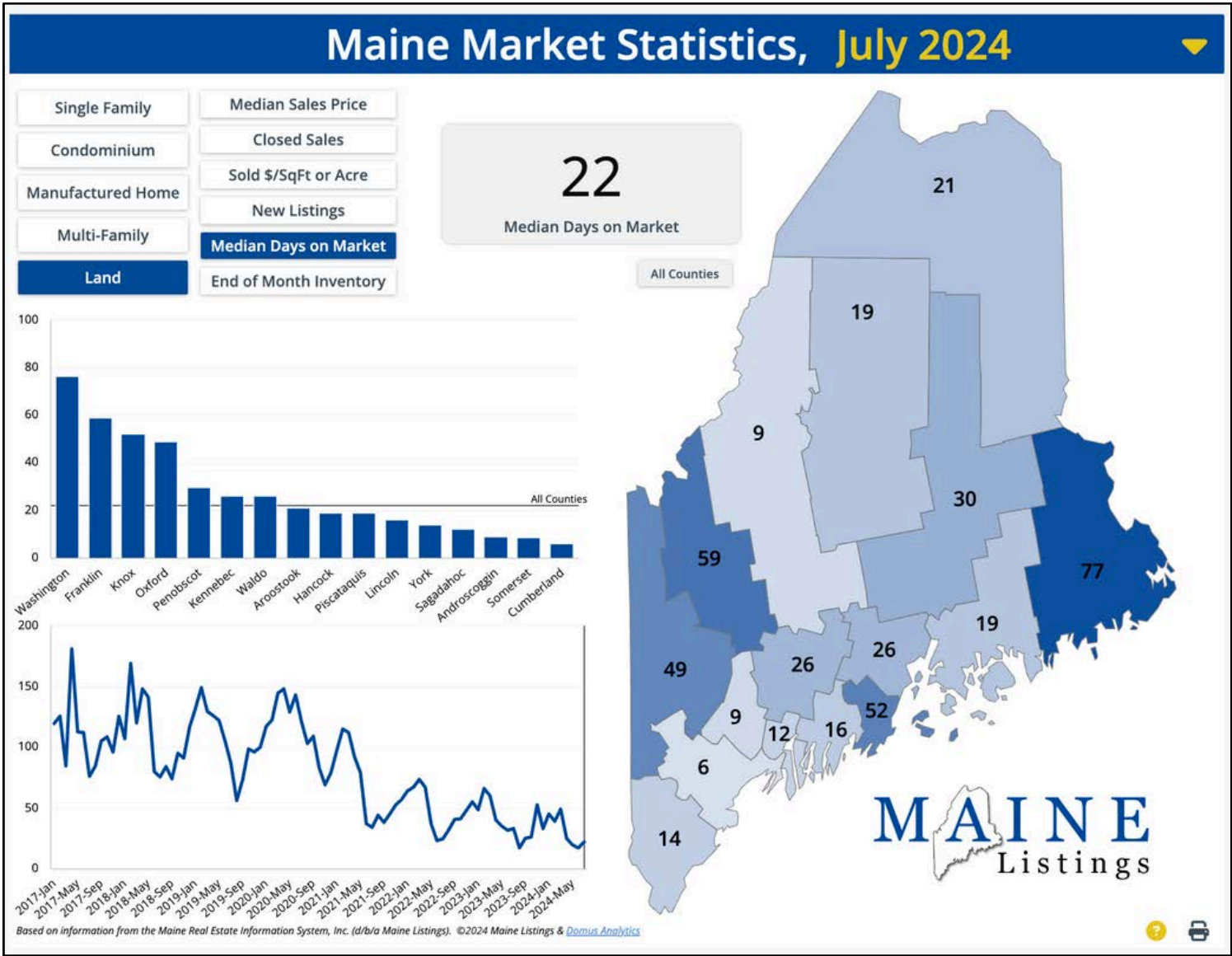
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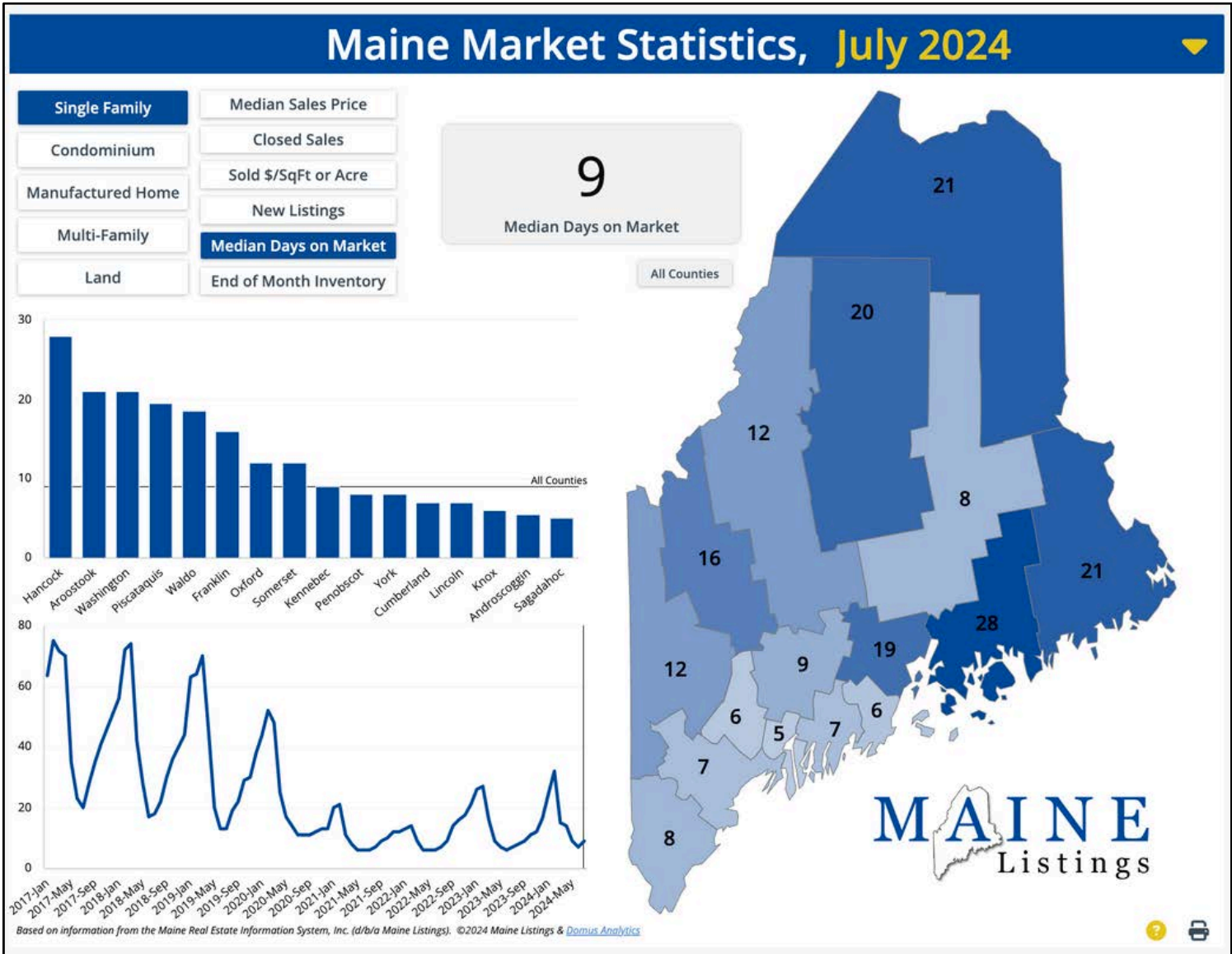
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SINGLE FAMILY DAYS ON MARKET



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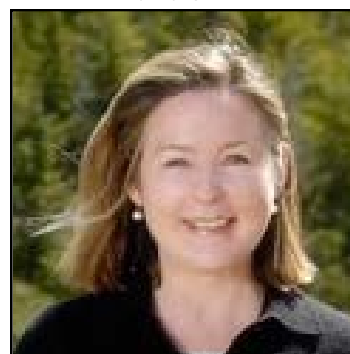
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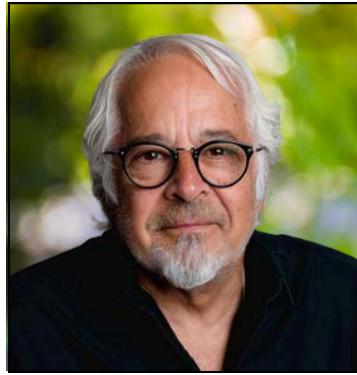
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Brokers, Rental Agents and Staff

The Knowles Company has been operating a successful and professional real estate and rental business since 1898. Our real estate brokers bring a diverse and extensive background of experiences to The Knowles Company that in turn provides our clients and customers the most professional, knowledgeable and flexible representation whether they are buying or selling a property. Look for our digital monthly “knowlesletter” with in-depth stories on our local community and our Brokers and staff.

Our brokerage and rental teams are supported by an assistant/receptionist and marketing specialist overseen by our business manager, ensuring that phone calls are answered during regular business hours by a friendly, responsive individual and that communication and office operation are facilitated in a professional and timely manner.

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