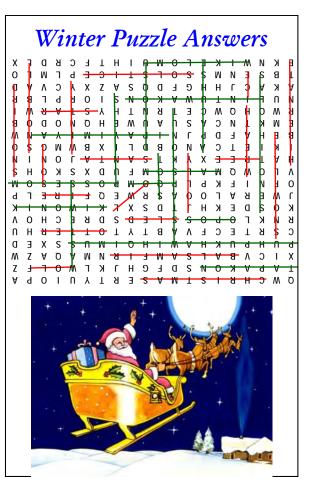
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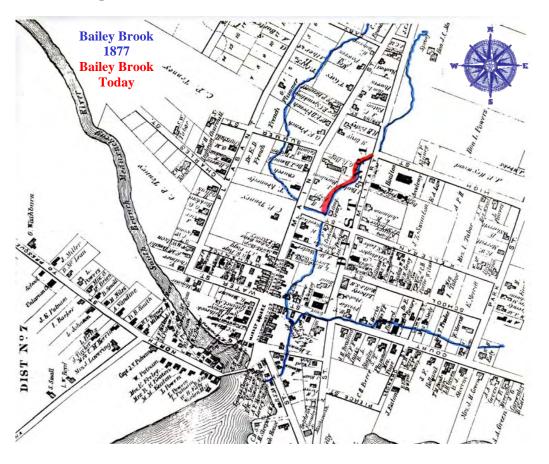


## Where Did Bailey Brook Go?

by Cara O'Donnell, Water Resources Specialist

A blue sign with the name Bailey Brook appeared in Houlton one day, along the curb on Kelleran Street. Bailey Brook? Just take a few steps off of the sidewalk, and sure enough, there you'll find a small brook about a foot wide and just a couple inches deep, just plugging along. It meanders, unnoticed between someone's nicely mowed lawn and the hedgerow of another property. This Bailey Brook, where did it come from, and where did it go?

Historic maps can give us insight into how the land has changed over time. The map below was taken from the Aroostook County Atlas, 1877. It shows Bailey Brook as a fairly important brook with three branches flowing from the east and south and converging just south of Market Square, and then flowing into the Meduxnekeag River.



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# Merry Christmoose?? Moose on the loose By: Matthew P. Edberg, Natural Resources Specialist

On the morning of Tuesday December 7th, I received a call about an orphaned moose calf that was hanging out near the Elders Center. I contacted the Maine Warden Service and a warden was dispatched. When the warden arrived we approached the moose which was lying down under a large spruce tree behind the Elders Center (see photo at right).



The small moose (200-300lbs) rose very slowly favoring its hind legs. It had apparently been bumped by a car and had been bruised and was resting but appeared to be otherwise OK (see photo left).

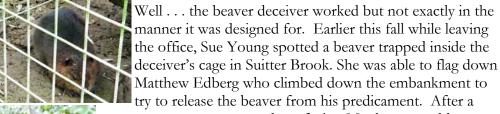
So keep an eye out for this little fellow when you pass by the Elders Center.

## Animal Sightings

On a rainy day in October folks at the Administration office were treated to a visit by a lone mink, frolicking in the parking lot. Cara O'Donnell snapped this quick photo when it ran around the building. Minks are cousins to the weasel and are in the mustelid family. They are known for their luxurious water resistant coats and their strong musky aroma.



For more information about the mink check out www.enature.com





number of tries, Matthew was able to release the beaver safely. Once freed, the tired and irritated beaver took off at a trot never looking back and never offering a thank you.

## Bailey Brook continued

When standing on Kelleran Street and walking along the Bailey Brook that remains today, the brook is much different. It only exists for about 500' between Kelleran and Military Streets before it disappears underground below these roads, into culverts, and can be found once again flowing from the drain behind the Town and Country building by Market Square.

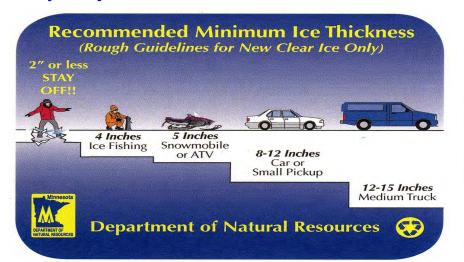
A search for additional information dug up the following from the Town of Houlton Annual Report from 1891 and 1892.

"The appropriation of five hundred dollars made at the last Town Meeting, for improvements upon the "Bailey Brook" was expended under the direction of the President of the Board.— The brook is now enclosed in a sewer composed of timber, plank and cedar sleepers for a distance of nearly 800 feet, from Lawlis' stable to a point two-thirds of the distance from Court to Kendall Street. We strongly recommend another appropriation for continuance of the work." In 1891 and in 1892 ... 'The appropriation made at last town meeting to be expended on the Bailey Brook was well used in enclosing 485 feet, at the lower end. We recommend an appropriation for the continuance of the work."

The picture painted by this information can help us understand the storm water system of Houlton proper, and the extreme age of some sections. Though our rivers and streams are constantly renewed by rain and weather, they also have a permanent connection to the past.



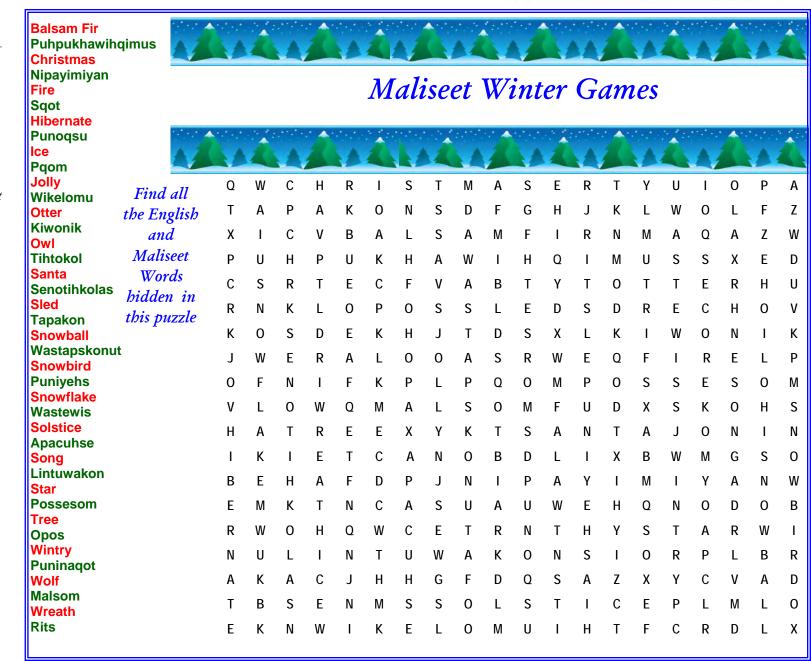
## Stay Safe on the Ice this Winter



- Many ice drownings involve children. When your child is near the ice, you should be near your child.
- Avoid alcoholic beverages when you're on the ice. They can make you feel colder and slow down your reaction time in case of an ice emergency.
- Carry two large nails to use as ice picks to pull yourself out if you fall through thin ice.
- \* Never drive on the ice at night.
- Avoid pressure ridges, and areas with current if you do choose to drive on the ice.
- ☼ Drive with your windows down and doors partially open to avoid becoming trapped if your car breaks through.

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