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our reigning residents

by Autumn Schanil

Long before becoming the national bird of the United States in 1782, Bald Eagles and their feathers were sacred to many Indigenous peoples and populations of America, standing for strength, honesty, wisdom, and freedom.

When their population became endangered and on the brink of extinction, the birds were placed under multiple state, federal, and international protection laws, which remain in effect to this day. Fortunately their population began to recover and has continued to grow each year, which we've happily witnessed here in the Catskills for decades.

In 1975 there was only a single pair of bald eagles left in NY State, and today there are hundreds.

With a region that is healthy enough to support them, we now have observation decks and eagle viewing sites to study the magnificent, awe-inspiring birds.

Bald Eagles are best seen from December until March. During the summer months, there are fewer sightings of the birds due to food being more plentiful. They spread out and are often hidden in the green of the trees. But during the winter they tend to concentrate over open bodies of water where they know food is available to carry them through to the Spring.

Females can reach about 14 pounds with an eight-foot wingspan, while males reach about 10 pounds. Although many eagles don't make it to adulthood, which is around 5 years

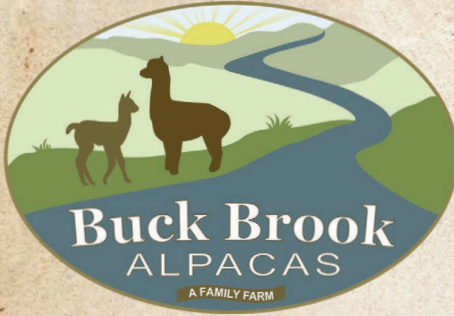
old, eagles typically live about 15-25 years but have been known to live longer.

The Delaware Highlands Conservancy just over the river in Lackawaxen, PA near Barryville, NY has an Eagle Watch program that offers information about eagles and their habitat, and proper eagle etiquette for safe eagle viewing. They run bus tours in January and February through the Upper Delaware River region where you can look for, and learn about, eagles while staying warm! Seats are limited so advance reservations are required.

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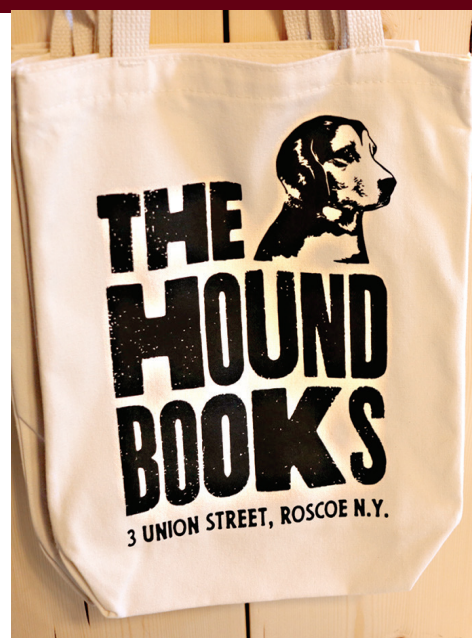
a winter's sanctuary in words

We often hear about summer reading recommendations, but what about the winter reading lists? A time of slowing down, hibernation, and reflection, winter seems to be the perfect time to cozy up with a heavy blanket, a hot cup of tea, and a good book.

When the snow is falling, the books are calling, and if you're in the Roscoe area this season, so is a new independent bookstore on Union Street.

The Hound Books, owned and curated by Ahu Terzi, officially opened in October 2022, inspired by Terzi's love of community and her love of reading.

Terzi, born and raised in Turkey, grew up with a used bookstore close to her home where she would browse titles old and new every week. When she moved to the United States for college she found another used bookstore in Western Massachusetts



The Hound Books feels comfortable, from the cozy chairs next to the stove, to the smell of coffee brewing mixed with that old familiar smell of books, right down to the kind smile that greets you from owner Ahu Terzi. It's a place where time slows down.

called the Book Mill, and knew that one day she wanted to have a shop of her own - one with couches and chairs where you felt comfortable staying awhile.

"Whenever I travel, I try to find a small independent or used bookstore to go and browse," said Terzi, "because sometimes it's just the feeling of the bookstore that I'm chasing, and then every once in a while I'll find a title that truly speaks to me."

When she and her partner bought a house in Downsville nearly two years ago, her dream of a bookstore began to take shape.

"I love the community here in Roscoe, and the fact that it's so accessible," she

expressed. "Its history is filled with nature writing. So many authors, poets, and essayists have been inspired by this region, and the more I dug into John Burroughs and Walt Woodsman, the more I realized we needed a bookstore here."

An important aspect for Terzi in owning a shop of her own, is giving a home to used and vintage books, rather than seeing them end up in someone's garbage bin or the landfill. Before opening The Hound Books, Terzi sourced from sales, friends and family, overstocked warehouses, and donations.

"It's history, and it's sustainable to read in

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used form,” she said smiling as she looked at the stack of books by the window.

Some of the books in Terzi’s shop were printed in the late 1800s - many titles that are no longer in print and can again be discovered by someone browsing The Hound Books shelves. But don’t worry, there are plenty of fresh, new books available as well.

“There are a lot of really great new works being done in all genres, and we also want to keep our fingers on the pulse of what’s being done internationally,” Terzi said, “so it’s important to get those works in.”

Terzi also hopes to host events in the future, bringing like-minded people together who have never met before, whether it’s for a writing or poetry workshop, authors signings and readings, a book club gathering, or a children’s reading hour.

So if you’re in Roscoe, head over to Union Street to browse. You might see Maisy, Terzi’s Beagle/Basset Hound mix, hanging out by the fire - the inspiration behind the name The Hound Books - and you may just find your perfect winter read.



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These colorful kids snowshoes that Lisa Lyons was restocking at Morgan Outdoors is just one of many fantastic products she has in store. Merrell all-season hiking boots, MICROspikes for the ice, and even handpainted notecards can be found on the shelves. Lyons also has found birds' nests, butterfly wings and cocoons, and much more, that if you ask, she'll share a bit of her knowledge about.

The Catskills are home to some of the best ski resorts in New York State, but you don't have to be a skier or a snowboarder to enjoy winter in the mountains.

With decades of back-country experience and a love of Nature, Lisa Lyons of Morgan Outdoors in Hurleyville knows first-hand the possibilities of getting out and about in winter.

Located in Livingston Manor for about 17 years, Lyons decided to move Morgan Outdoors to Hurleyville in April of 2022, on Earth Day.

"For 17 years my center was Livingston Manor. Moving to Hurleyville, I wanted to be centered with more inclusion," said Lyons, "and feeling out where I am now to be the center, it's truly a necklace of gems here."

The Catskill Park, has over 300 miles of marked trails that traverse close to 300,000 acres of Forest Preserve that is owned and protected by NY's Department of Environmental Conservation, offering deep woods and stunning views to novice and experienced hikers alike.

Morgan Outdoors, located on Hurleyville's Main Street, is just steps away from the Hurleyville Rail Trail. Also known as the Milk Train Trail, the smooth-surface, multi-use trail extends from the hamlet's center in both directions for a total of 3.5 miles, perfect for winter walking with micro spikes and mountaineering poles with rubber tips - both of which are available to rent in the shop.

Not much further away is Liberty's Walnut Mountain Park with foot trails, carriage trails, and bike trails ranging from easy walking to more intense hiking.

"Mountain Bike trails are perfect for snowshoeing in the winter,"

Lyons stated, pointing to a map of the park. "It's this beautiful movement through the woods that you can picture on a mountain bike the rest of the year, but during winter can be a quiet and peaceful snowshoe excursion."

According to Lyons, the trails are all marked and on the map, so they're easy to follow and

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well maintained, thanks to Liberty's Park and Rec as well as people in the community who step up to help out.

Lyons has plenty of snowshoes available for purchase for more serious snowshoers, in both kids and adults sizes, along with gaiters to cover your legs and poles to help you along.

A map on display near the counter highlights the Red Hill Fire Tower just at the edge of Sullivan County and Ulster County, and Lyons is quick to point out the Bashakill Wildlife Refuge, Balsam Lake Mountain, and other trails we didn't know about.

"My mission is to

help get people moving, to try something new, and to do it in ways that are suitable to each person," she stated. "Nature is both beautiful and brutal, but when it's just you and the natural world, there's a peace to it, a calming, especially in winter."

Morgan Outdoors is a unique shop, with all the equipment you could need for outdoor excursions from hiking packs to pants and jackets, carabiners, maps and binoculars, right down to the boots and socks on your feet. Along with Lyons' patience and depth of knowledge of the outdoor world, there are educational books for inspiration, painted notecards, and plant charts around the store.

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