BOOKS

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Mary Lou Wiese has worn a few hats in life before entering the used bookstore business. Much of her career was spent working as an educator. She taught eighth grade at Grayson County Middle School. She also worked as both an assistant principal and principal.

That time working with young people has shaped her approach on how to run her store. She wants it to be welcome to all ages, especially kids.

"Here's what I tell people when they come in; move anything anywhere, pick up anything if you want to look at it. If you want to stack a pile and put it somewhere and look through it, you can do that too. It's not a place where you can't touch things. It's for them," Wiese said. "This has been the most fun and the most learning I've ever had in my life. Every day I learn something and I get the opportunity to be decent to another human being. There's always some small way you can make someone happy."

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Mary Lou Wiese is the owner of Mary Lou's Book Shop.

Part of the way Wiese strives to spread happiness is by having a selection of books that are uncommon in many other stores. That includes everything from an original copy of "Old Yeller" to an exceedingly rare edition of Dante's "Inferno" illustrated by Gustave Doré or a leatherbound set of George R.R. Martin's "A Song of Ice and Fire" series. Wiese refers to books like that as "cream."

"That's part of the joy in here. It's all the things you can't find in the library. So many treasures come popping through these doors. Usually when they're real treasures they pop right back out. I don't think reading has gone out of style," Wiese said.

She also makes a point of keeping many books about Kentucky or Appalachia in stock. That also means celebrating and supporting many local authors however she can.

"Mary Lou was the first person I ever reached out to and was like 'hey, I'm a local author and I was just wondering if I could put my books in your store.' She graciously allowed me to do like my first official launch party for my next novel," said Jacob Barnes, mystery writer and member of the Berea Police Department.

She'll be hosting the launch party for his next book "A Scene I Didn't Write: A Fracture in the Frame" on Sept. 12. Barnes is just one local author whose works can be found on the shelves of Mary Lou's Book Shop. A wide variety of titles from Madison County's own Dragonfly Press Printing can also be found in the store. That includes a poetry/photography book Wiese has recently put together alongside Delores Carpenter titled "Riding Shotgun: Wildflower Thoughts."

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Detective Jonas Reiner Series," Barnes said.

The Detective Jonas Reiner series has also had full audiobook adaptations narrated by Natalie Joy. Reiner's story began with "A Face I Don't Know: An Echo in the Void." That novel begins with title character Reiner waking up from an eight year coma after being shot in the head. The detective quickly finds himself back to work trying to solve the case of a murdered state senator along with the help of his ex-girlfriend Tessa, who he doesn't remember at all.

In Barnes' new novel out on Sept. 1, "A Scene I Didn't Write: A Fracture in the Frame," Detective Reiner is back. This time he's been called to investigate a mystery in a setting that's a far cry from Barnes' other novels.

"He investigates what appears to be a stalker case of a Hollywood actress that's filming on site in the fictional city that this all takes place in. It has a bunch of twists and turns that evolve for Reiner and his rookie detective partner," Barnes said. "It turns into a sort of conspiracy murder mystery on a movie set. It's a lot more light hearted than my original book. There's some humorous and awkward banter a lot of people should be able to relate to."

Barnes said that his day job as a police officer keeps his writing honest. He hopes to keep his writing style as "real" as possible. That means sticking to what police work is actually like. However, "real" doesn't have to mean boring.

"I want everything to be as real as it can be to the point that it isn't. The fiction side kicks in when it gets to that point when there's something otherworldly about this case," Barnes said. "It's more lighthearted in the sense that people are more humanistic... The awkward banter is a human reaction that people have as a reaction to break the tension of a dark scene. It's not meant to be disrespectful or harmful of anyone at the scene or victims of a crime. It's just something people that see trauma every day go through. and it gives the reader something else to look at."

Barnes' experience as a police officer has also helped him flesh out his characters. He creates detailed dossiers on them that are not unlike those written on suspects of crimes. Those dossiers are helpful in deciding what

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Yard Sale

1408 Providence Rd
Rolling Hills Subd.
Rain or Shine
Thur. Fri, Sat
Aug 27-29
9am-2pm
Gold leaf mirror 45"x33", Gold leaf Picture frames, oval & square, old license plates, electric oil heaters, Buddy Boy Dolls, Cranberry Glass Shaded, Sets of California Raisins, Card Tables, Model A Running lights, Automobile Metal Banks, Porcelain Texaco Clock, 40's, 50s, Granite Ware 30pc., Old Road Maps, 23" round ford v8 parts sign, antique bowls & dishes & vases, Cast Iron Cornbroad Molds, Antiques from Memories Antiques 1955 Thunderbird Handbook & blank key; Mountain Frank Poster

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217 East Irvine St.
Richmond, KY 40475
859-623-2265
This is a public notice that automobile will be sold on September 2, 2026 for wrecker, storage, and service
VIN # WMWZC357BWL78384
2011 Minni Cooper
Owner
Eunice C Delgado
157 Killarney Dr.
Richmond, KY 40475
Leinholder
Lendmark Financial
152 W. Tiverton Way
Lexington KY

---- Public Notice ----

Notice is hereby given that Palisades Whiskey Co, 195 Lexington Rd, Richmond, KY 40475, has filed an application with the Energy and Environment Cabinet to construct movable (trailer-based, including pre-manufactured elements and ADA access) Visitor Center facilities at the Palisades Distillery site. The property is located on the south bank of the Kentucky River, east of the Clays Ferry Iron Bridge, approximately 12 miles north of Richmond, KY. Any comments or objections can be submitted via email to:
DOWFloodplain@ky.gov
Kentucky Division of Water, Floodplain Management Section, 300 Sower Blvd. Frankfort, KY 40601.
Call 502-564-3410 with questions.

PUBLIC NOTICE

AEUG Madison Solar, LLC (55 E. Monroe Street, Ste. 1925, Chicago, IL 60603) hereby provides notice that it has filed an application with the Energy and Environment Cabinet to construct low-impact gravel access roads and associated drainage conveyance structures necessary to maintain existing drainage patterns within the FEMA-designated Flood Zone A. The crossings are intended to provide construction, operations, and maintenance access to a 100-megawatt AC solar energy project located south of Lost Fork Road (KY 3377), primarily north of Three Forks Road, east of Interstate 75, and primarily west of Red House Road (KY 388) between Old Convict Road and Kentucky Route 32 in Madison County, Kentucky. Access roads will be located off of E. Bill Eades Rd, Three Forks Rd, and Boone Trail Rd. Any comments or objections may be submitted via email to DOWFloodplain@ky.gov, via mail to Kentucky Division of Water, Floodplain Management Section, 300 Sower Blvd., Frankfort, KY 40601, or via phone at (502) 564-3410.

Housing Authority of Richmond
Request for Proposal (RFP):
Snow and Ice Removal Services

1. Company / Property Overview

- **Organization Name**: Housing Authority of Richmond, KY
- **Property Address**: 429 Smith Village, Richmond KY 40476 (Main Office)
- **Property Type**: Several residential apartment complexes throughout the City of Richmond KY
- **Contact Person**: Jessica Strong, Executive Director **(jessicaharichky@gmail.com)** or George Stone, Operations Manager **(georgeharichky@gmail.com)**
  Office Phone 859-623-1321
- **Proposal Submission Deadline:** August 31, 2026 10:00am EST/9:00am CST

2. Scope of Work

The contractor shall provide all labor, equipment, and materials necessary for snow plowing, shoveling, and de-icing.

- **Areas Included**: All main driveways, parking lots, fire hydrants, and sidewalks/entrances leading to the parking areas
  - **Robinson Terrace (71 residential units, 16 buildings)**
  - **Willis Manor (100 units, 1 high-rise building)**
  - **Smith Village (99 residential units, 28 buildings)**
  - **Dillingham Heights (17 residential units, 8 buildings)**
  - **Duplex located at 138 Parrish Avenue**
  - **Duplex and single-family dwelling located at 696, 698, and 700 Cimarron**
  - **Tipton Court (10 residential units, 3 buildings)**
- **Hours of Operation**: Services must be completed daily, with ongoing maintenance during heavy storms.
- **Trigger Depth**: Automatic service will be dispatched upon an accumulation of snow determined to be a nuisance to foot traffic, and when freezing temperatures require de-icing.
- **Materials:** De-icers should be environmentally friendly salt and/or calcium chloride to protect concrete surfaces and landscaping.

3. Pricing Structure Options

Contractors should submit proposals using the following pricing model:

- **Per-Visit Rate**: A flat fee charged each time the contractor provides service to the property. The pricing should be broken out per the properties listed above, individually.

4. Contractor Requirements & Responsibilities

- **Pre-Season Survey**: Contractor must perform a site walkthrough to identify and document pre-existing property damages (curbs, light poles, landscape beds) before the first snowfall.
- **Stacking Limitations**: Snow must not be piled near fire hydrants, handicapped parking, or in areas that obstruct traffic visibility.
- **Insurance**: Contractor must provide a Certificate of Insurance (COI) listing the Housing Authority of Richmond as an additional insured, with a minimum of $1,000,000 in General Liability coverage.

5. Proposal Submission Guidelines

All proposals must include:

- A clear breakdown of the proposed pricing.
- A list of available equipment and team size.
- Three (3) references from similar commercial or residential properties.
- Documentation of insurance and worker's compensation.

6. Pre-Bid Walk-thru for any interested bidders will take place on August 12, 2026 at 10:00am/EST and will start at 429 Smith Village Richmond, KY and proceed to the other properties for a tour of all areas to be serviced.

You may call the office and speak with Jessica Strong or George Stone at (859) 623-1321 with any questions.