

Contreras completes dream year with World Series MVP honor

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A year that began for William Contreras with a World Baseball Classic championship for his native Venezuela ended with a World Series Most Valuable Player honor.

The Brewers catcher was chosen out of a host of worthy Milwaukee contenders as the MVP of the franchise's first championship, which the team clinched with a 4-1 win over the Tampa Bay Rays on Wednesday in Game 5.

He is the eighth catcher to be selected the World Series MVP, and just the second since 1992, along with Kansas City's Salvador Perez in 2015. He batted .381 (8-for-21) with four RBIs, two runs, two walks, a stolen base, a .435 on-base percentage and an .863 OPS.

"Very blessed year. I think a year that we have to give God a lot of thanks for everything he's been able to do for us," Contreras said. "... To be able to achieve it, it's special."

Some may argue that the World Series MVP honor should be handed

to the Milwaukee pitching staff as a whole after it allowed 12 runs in the Fall Classic and 33 total runs in 13 postseason games (2.5 per game).

Contreras, in some ways, is a conduit of that. He was the starting catcher for every game of the postseason and was successful on 10 of 13 automated ball-strike challenges during the World Series.

"He posts every day," Milwaukee reliever Aaron Ashby said. "This team's not what it is without this guy. He's unbelievable."

Brewers ace Jacob deGrom added of Contreras being named MVP, "It just makes sense."

Contreras said, "I think it's a big job. I think in the offseason last year, I think once we traded Freddy (Peralta), I knew that we were going to have a young staff. I took that upon myself and I knew the responsibility I was going to have that year to make sure that I built that relationship with those guys and make sure that they knew that they had that vote of confidence in me and knew I was going to do whatever I could for them so that we could build that relationship together."

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The World Series was redemptive for Contreras, who did get to enjoy the fruits of the WBC title back in March but wasn't nearly as helpful in that run, going 0-for-13 in the WBC.

William Contreras, 28, earned his second World Series ring, having been a reserve for the Atlanta Braves in 2021. Now he joins his 34-year-old brother Willson Contreras as the starting catcher of a World Series champion.

Willson Contreras, the backstop for the Chicago Cubs in 2016, was in attendance at Tropicana Field on Wednesday to see his younger brother reach the pinnacle of baseball.

"My brother is my role model. I don't have a lot of friends. He's my friend. I love him. I love all the support that he gives me. If I have something to ask somebody, I ask Willson," William Contreras said. "I follow after him. I always knew that he was going to be here (for this game). He wasn't able to be here for the first couple games, but he was here for this one. I'm always going to follow in his footsteps."

NBA hall-of-famer Wilkins hired as Alabama State GM

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Hall of Famer and Atlanta Hawks legend Dominique Wilkins is the new general manager of the Alabama State men's basketball program, the school announced.

Wilkins, 66, will help the Hornets with "strategic initiatives in fundraising, donor engagement, Name, Image, and Likeness (NIL) partnerships, revenue sharing, roster planning, and student-athlete development," according to Tuesday's press release.

Alabama State, located in the capital city of Montgomery and a member of the SWAC, slipped to 10-22 last season after making its first NCAA Tournament appearance since 2011 in 2024-25. The school hired Chris Wright as the new head coach in April.

"To be at a place like Alabama State University is exciting; it's a new challenge," Wilkins said. "The programs are trending upward, so it's an exciting time to join them and accelerate the growth."

Wilkins, drafted No. 3 overall out of Georgia in 1982, played 12 seasons



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Hall of Famer and Atlanta Hawks legend Dominique Wilkins, seen in 2023, is the new general manager of the Alabama State men's basketball program, the school announced.

with the Hawks and later had stints with the Los Angeles Clippers, Boston Celtics, San Antonio Spurs and Orlando Magic. Known as the "Human Highlight Film" for his high-flying dunks, the nine-time All-Star and 1985-86 NBA scoring champion (30.3 points per game) was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2006.

"Wilkins' impact extends well beyond his Hall of Fame playing career. After leaving the court, he built an equally distinguished career as a professional, and he embodies the very

attributes we hope our student-athletes will carry with them: excellence, integrity, and a commitment to others," Alabama State athletic director Jason Cable said.

"His passion for educating young people, his knowledge and experience in basketball at the highest level, and his genuine willingness to give back make him ideal for our program. We are proud to welcome him to the Hornet family."

Alabama State opens the season on the road Tuesday against Texas A&M in College Station.

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The Honorable Linda Gorton, Mayor, Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government

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Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements Opinions

We have audited the accompanying Statement of Receipts and Disbursements - Regulatory Basis of the Sheriff of Fayette County, Kentucky, and the Statement of Receipts, Disbursements, and Fund Balances of the Sheriff's Operating Fund and County Fund with the State Treasurer - Regulatory Basis for the year ended December 31, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Unmodified Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the receipts and disbursements of the Fayette County Sheriff and the receipts, disbursements, and fund balances of the Fayette County Sheriff's operating fund and county fund with the state treasurer for the year ended December 31, 2024, in accordance with the basis of accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Commonwealth of Kentucky to demonstrate compliance with the Commonwealth of Kentucky's regulatory basis of accounting and budget laws as described in Note 1.

Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the Basis for Adverse Opinions on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles section of our report, the financial statements referred to above do not present fairly, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the Fayette County Sheriff, as of December 31, 2024, or changes in financial position or cash flows thereof for the year then ended.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS), the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards (GAS), issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the Audit Program for County Fee Officials issued by the Auditor of Public Accounts, Commonwealth of Kentucky. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statement section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Fayette County Sheriff and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

As described in Note 1 of the financial statements, the financial statements are prepared by the Fayette County Sheriff on the basis of the accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the laws of Kentucky, to demonstrate compliance with the Commonwealth of Kentucky's regulatory basis of accounting and budget laws, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The effects on the financial statements of the variances between the regulatory basis of accounting described in Note 1 and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, although not reasonably determinable, are presumed to be material and pervasive.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the laws of Kentucky to demonstrate compliance with the Commonwealth of Kentucky's regulatory basis of accounting and budget laws. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statement, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Fayette County Sheriff's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statement

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal controls. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Fayette County Sheriff's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Fayette County Sheriff's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we have identified during the audit.

The Honorable Linda Gorton, Mayor, Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government The Honorable Kathy Witt, Fayette County Sheriff
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Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated June 18, 2026, on our consideration of the Fayette County Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, grant agreements, and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards in considering the Fayette County Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Respectfully submitted,

Allison Ball

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Auditor of Public Accounts

Frankfort, KY

June 18, 2026

State law requires the Auditor of Public Accounts to annually audit fiscal courts, county clerks, and sheriffs; and print the results in a newspaper having general circulation in the county. The complete audit and any other audit of state agencies, fiscal courts, county clerks, sheriffs, and property valuation administrators may be viewed in the reports section of the Auditor of Public Accounts' website at auditor.ky.gov or upon request by calling 1-800-247-9126.

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NOTICE TO INFORM:

At the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Council meeting on October 22, 2026, Ordinances 096-2026 through 103-2026 were enacted related to: (1) An Ordinance changing the zone from a Professional Office (P-1) zone to a Downtown Frame Business (B-2A) zone for 0.509 net (0.595 gross) acres, for property located at 512 and 518 E. Main St.; (2) amending certain of the Budgets of the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government to reflect current requirements for municipal expenditures, and appropriating and re-appropriating funds, FY 2027 Schedule No. 10; (3) amending the authorized strength by abolishing one (1) unclassified position and creating one (1) classified position, all in the Div. of Parks and Recreation; (4) amending the authorized strength by abolishing one (1) classified position of Electronic/Computer Controls Specialist, abolishing three (3) classified positions of Electrician, abolishing two (2) classified positions of Production Maintenance Technician, creating two (2) classified positions of Instrumentation and Controls Technician, creating four (4) classified positions of Instrumentation and Controls Specialist, and changing the classification title of one (1) classified position of Electronic/Computer Controls Manager, and the incumbent, to Instrumentation and Controls Manager, all in the Div. of Water Quality; (5) amending Section 16-9 of the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Zoning Ordinance, relating to drive-through facilities and drive-up windows, adopting regulations regarding vehicular stacking requirements, drive-up windows, and drive-through facilities, and authorizing waivers or modifications by the Planning Commission based upon recommendations in an operational plan and upon findings that modifying stacking requirements will not impede traffic circulation, negatively impact adjoining properties or land uses, or create a public safety hazard, all in order to promote safe maneuvering of vehicles and ensure such facilities do not negatively impact the flow of traffic on public streets; (6) amending the Lexington-Fayette County Zoning Ordinance by deleting references to computer and data processing centers in Sections 8-15 (P-1 zone), 8-19 (B-2B zone), 8-21 (B-4 zone), 8-24 (P-2 zone), 23A-9 (CC zone) and 23A-10 (ED zone); (7) amending the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government Zoning Ordinance to regulate attended donation centers, as follows: amending Section 1-11 to define attended donation centers, amending Section 8-20(d) to authorize attended donation centers as a conditional use in the B-3 zone, and amending Sections 8-21(b), and 12-3, and Appendix 22C, Section 22C-4(a) to authorize attended donation centers as a principal use in the B-4, B-6P and PUD-3 zones. (8) updating industrial zones in Fayette County by amending Articles 1 and 8 of the Lexington-Fayette County Zoning Ordinance, as follows: amending Section 1-11 to add new definitions and to create categories of high-impact industrial and manufacturing and low-impact industrial and manufacturing for uses not otherwise defined; amending Section 8-21, relating to the Wholesale and Warehouse Business (B-4) zone, as follows: amending Sections 8-21(b), (c), (d), and (e) to add and clarify principal, accessory, and conditional uses, to prohibit all high-impact industrial and manufacturing uses, to provide that places of religious assembly qualify as a principal use for adaptive reuse projects and industrial reuse projects, and to clarify off-street parking requirements in this zone, amending Section 8-22, related to the Light Industrial (I-1) zone, as follows: amending Section 8-22(b) to add newly defined uses as allowable uses, including low impact industrial and manufacturing except when a use or activity is specified as a conditional use in Section 8-22(d) or a prohibited use in Section 8-22(e); amending Sections 8-22(c), (d), (e) and (n), to clarify accessory, conditional, and prohibited uses and off-street parking requirements applicable to the zone; and amending Section 8-23, related to the Heavy Industrial (I-2) zone, as follows: amending Sections 8-23(b), (c), (d), (n) and (o), to add and clarify newly defined industrial uses as allowable uses, including high-impact and low-impact industrial and manufacturing except when either use or activity is specified as a conditional use or a prohibited use, to clarify conditional uses in this zone, and to clarify off-street parking requirements and special provisions applicable to this zone. These documents may be viewed in their entirety at <https://bit.ly/ords96-103> or in the Council Clerk's Office at 200 E. Main St. Lexington, KY 40507. 859-258-3240. View all LFUCG legal notices at <https://www.lexingtonky.gov/public-notices>
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R. J. Corman Railroad Company/Central KY Line is soliciting sealed bids, for labor and equipment for A track rehabilitation project in Jefferson and Woodford Counties Kentucky as part of the Kentucky Short Line Infrastructure and Preservation (KSLIP). Bidders must be prequalified by the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) in I-93 Railroad Track Construction and Repair. To obtain prequalification, prospective bidders may contact the KYTC Division of Construction Procurement at (502) 563-3500. The invitation to bid with specifications can be accessed at <https://www.rjcorman.com/contact/bidding-opportunities>. The deadline to submit the bids via sealed envelope is 12/1/2026 at 3:00 p.m. Local. No bids will be taken after this date and time. All bids must be mailed to: 1588 Leestown Rd., STE 130-313, Lexington, KY 40511. Public Opening of Bids to be held on 12/2/2026 at 10:00 a.m. local, bidders are invited to attend by phone or Teams meeting. R. J. Corman reserves the right to reject any and all bids.
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The Urban County Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing on Monday, November 9, 2026 at 1:30 pm ET (12:30 pm CT), Council Chambers 2nd floor Government Center Building, 200 E. Main St., to consider Variance Appeals, Conditional Use Appeals, Administrative Appeals and other items. To view the list of applications or for further information please see <https://www.lexingtonky.gov/government/boards-commissions/board-adjustment> or call the Division of Planning at (859) 258-3160.
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Beverage Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE

Myriad Meadery by MTB, LLC, with a mailing address of 732 National Avenue, Lexington, Kentucky 40502, hereby declares its intention to apply for a Quota Retail Package License with the Kentucky Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control no later than November 10, 2026.

The business to be licensed is a taproom and bar located at 732 National Avenue, Lexington, Kentucky 40502, doing business as The Annex by Mirror Twin Brewing.

The owners are as follows:
Derek DeFranco, Owner, of 369 Shoreline Drive, Lexington, Kentucky 40515.

Michael Sobolak, Owner, of 1014 Paradise City Boulevard, Mount Juliet, Tennessee 37122.

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