

NOAH

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The Harlan County product, known by many as “Mountain Mamba,” added that Kentucky coach Mark Pope “believes so much in me.”

“Doing it for yourself is way bigger than doing it for other people,” he said. “When you look at it in that perspec-

tive, it shifts the narrative and shifts your mind. Instead of doing it for the negative part of it, (I) think about doing it for my mom, because she’s invested so much in me.”

Noah also depends on his inner circle for support — his family and coach.

That patience has paid off this summer and his teammates, especially Milan Momcilovic, have praised his play on the court.

“I didn’t watch a whole lot

of Kentucky last year, watched a little bit, so I saw him play a little bit here and there,” Momcilovic said. “Coming into the summer, I think he’s been the best player so far.

“Coach showed a slide of points per possession, and he’s No. 1 by a long shot. Looking at him and learning from him a little bit, because he’s been here three years ... he’s a veteran in this program; he knows what to do.

So, I think just watching that and seeing that, because he’s a shooter too is cool.”

Despite his own status as a veteran, Momcilovic has relied on Noah to help sharpen his knowledge and skills this summer.

“He understands everything — just to watch him and see how he goes about it,” he said. “I have my own wrinkle to what I do, but kind of understand it from him, and take off from there.”

Noah has also been impressed with this year’s squad, which he describes as one that has a lot of “toughness.”

“I feel like we’re super tough,” he said. “We really shoot the three well, and we have a lot of length. I think that that helped us on defense. We’re kind of being a little more aggressive this year defensively, and I feel like our length and our size kind of make up for some of

the holes that we have.”

Entering his third season, Noah believes the best is yet to come.

“I feel like I’m the most confident I’ve ever been,” Noah said. “That’s just a testament to being older and to my work. In 21 years, I’ve had this dream. So, I feel like I’m super confident and ready to go. (I’m) hungry. I feel like this year, as a team and individually. We’re going to see a breakthrough.”

TAX

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nonprofit news organizations. They range from statewide digital startups to regional reporting centers.

They include the Kentucky Lantern in Frankfort, Northern Kentucky Tribune in Edgewood, Louisville Public Media, Kentucky Center for Investigative Reporting housed under Louisville Public Media, Kentucky Educational Television in Lexington and the Hoptown Chronicle in Hopkinsville.

While the non-profit model has rescued many legacy and independent publications, non-profit status is not a guarantee of

success. High-profile examples of non-profit news closures include major digital upstarts like The Houston Landing and smaller local publications like the Pikes Peak Bulletin, according to Inside the News in Colorado, a weekly newsletter about the news industry.

Newspapers nationally are declining, said Tim Timmons, executive director of the Kentucky Press Association.

“We have lost more than 3,000 papers in this country in the last couple of decades,” he said. The United States today has about 938 printed daily newspapers and about 5,595 local news newspapers overall.

Kentucky has not lost as

many as other states, Timmons said.

The two largest newspapers in the state — the Courier Journal in Louisville and Lexington Herald-Leader — have decreased publication dates. About a dozen or so papers have gone out of business in the last 10 years but none in the last couple of years, Timmons said. The state has about 140 newspapers, the majority being weeklies and about a dozen dailies.

As far as the future of newspapers, Timmons

thinks “some papers will certainly go the route of non-profits. Others will stay in the for-profit model.”

A problem in the industry, he said, “is that there are all sorts of models that can and do work well. It’s like restaurants. There are many different types of restaurants, just like there are different types of newspapers.

“Trying to find a one-size-fits-all solution is incredibly dangerous. Our newspapers fare best when they are deeply entrenched in their com-

munities and are great local partners — like so many good ones are.”

Woodford County Sun subscriber Rouse hopes that is the case for his hometown newspaper. He is aware that the decline of local news exacerbates division in the community with partisan social media, often not true, filling much of the void.

“I think the newspaper going nonprofit will not only be good for it, it will be good for the entire county with more coverage of what’s really going on,” said Rouse.

Jack Brammer is a former longtime reporter for The Lexington Herald-Leader and is a member of the Kentucky Journalism Hall of Fame.

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Application #2802 – BW Construction, Inc. (Billy Wimsett) has filed an application to rezone .343 acres located at 211, 213 & 215 West Brashear Avenue, from R-3 (Multi-Family Residential District) to R-1T (Single-Family Townhouse District).

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