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## 'Topper Social' bar set to open in February

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Jordan Greene, a 2018 graduate of Western Kentucky University and the stands beside the downstairs bar of his new bar, Topper Social, in the bu campus on Tuesday, Jan. 16, 2024. The bar, which is set to open in late F the weekends. (Grace Ramey/grace.ramey@bgdailynews.com)

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Jordan Greene originally wanted an office job.

Now he is the owner of two bars in downtown Bowling Green, with a third coming in late February.

Greene, a 2018 graduate of Western Kentucky University and the current owner of both Dublin's Irish Pub and The Copper Bar, is planning to open Topper Social in the building once occupied by Hideout on Center Street close to campus.

"My main goal is to have a location that people can enjoy," Greene said. "I'm not just trying to cater only to college kids. I'm trying to cater to parents on the weekend or other people that work up close to campus."

The business will feature a rooftop area complete with live music on the weekends.

While traditional drinks such as beer and vodka-cranberries will be served at Topper Social, Greene said he is considering adding some more "elevated drinks" to the menu.

"Our big seller is espresso martinis, because there's nowhere that's open later that has them," Greene said.

Greene, 32, took over ownership of Dublin's in August 2022, with Copper coming around eight months ago. Greene said his career in the service industry began when he took a job at Montana Grille, working there for about three years.

Greene said he worked at Steamers Seafood for about three years as well and then at Indian Hills Country Club.

"I was still in school, and they offered me a bar manager position," Greene said. "It was a lot of work at the beginning, but I learned a lot from doing the ordering and all of the back-end stuff that no one really sees."

Greene said he considers drinking establishments a "social environment" rather than just a place to be served alcohol.

"I don't like to think the bar industry is just where people go to get drunk," Greene said. "We have regulars that come in just to socialize."

Greene said he "loves" his job and the city of Bowling Green, and plans to stay here.

"it's not all fun and games, but (I) like all my staff and I love seeing them make money," Greene said. "It's kind of like a family."

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