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## UE hires search firm to help find new AD

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EVANSVILLE — It's been nearly a week since the University of Evansville's Friday evening news dump announcing Director of Athletics Mark Spencer had resigned.

Spencer had overseen the university's athletics department since September 2014 and leaves amid a period of fan angst and uncertainty surrounding the men's basketball program, UE's flagship sport and largest source of revenue.

Here's what we know — and don't know — about the situation:

### UE has hired a search firm

The university announced Thursday morning it has hired search firm TurnkeyZRG to assist in the process of finding Spencer's replacement. UE hired the firm in "an effort to conduct a thorough

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The University of Evansville is on the look for the sixth athletics director in its Division I history after Mark Spencer resigned last Friday.

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Hope Brown counts down the drawer and collects her tips after working a lunch shift at the Stockwell Inn in Evansville, Tuesday afternoon. MACABE BROWN/COURIER & PRESS

## We asked local restaurant servers: Do Evansville diners tip well?

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EVANSVILLE — Serving in a restaurant is a hard job, and we wanted to find out if Evansville servers can manage a decent living.

So, we asked three long-time servers about how customers tip in Evansville, and what they wished the average cus-

tomers knew about their job.

We spoke with **Hope Brown**, who has been a server for 20 years. She started at age 14 at The Townhouse, her grandmother's restaurant in Boonville, Indiana. Brown also worked at Red Lobster and BJ's Restaurant and Brewhouse before joining the wait staff at Stockwell Inn about a year ago.

**Shannon Titzer** has been a server for 20 years at the Haub Steak House,

and before that was at Darryl's for 10 years.

**Kelly West** began serving on the floor of Casino Aztar in 2000 and continued at casual places, chains, and upscale locations for 20 years. She most recently was a server in 2020 and owns Mimi's Pasta Sauce.

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## \$50M plan proposed to resettle refugees of Ukraine

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Kentucky State Sen. Chris McDaniel wants to set up a \$50 million initiative to help resettle refugees fleeing the war in Ukraine (as well as other conflicts) in Kentucky, and lawmakers gave his plan its first green light Wednesday.



The United Nations' refugee agency says more than 3 million people have fled Ukraine since Russia invaded on Feb. 24.

"That would be roughly the equivalent, in three weeks, of 450,000 new people entering the borders of the commonwealth with nothing but the clothes on their back," said McDaniel, R-Ryland Heights, who called the war a humanitarian "catastrophe."

"As this year advances, there are probably going to be significant opportunities to help with the resettlement of these people, who wanted nothing but to be free. And they're leaving countrymen behind who are fighting the very kind of fight that this nation fought several centuries ago to be able to live free in a nation where they self-determine."

McDaniel's proposal, Senate Bill 195, would set up a fund that appropriates \$10,000 per family for up to 5,000 families displaced by international conflict, including the war in Ukraine.

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