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Mary McNail looks at her options at Sue's II, a women's boutique and wig shop in Benton. McNail said she wants a wig to wear from time-to-time because she said it is painful to lift her arms to do her hair.

Selling self-confidence

Sue's II boutique in Benton helps those struggling with hair loss

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BENTON — Kelly Bain is in the business of self-confidence.

With a stock of 250 wigs showcased in her recently remodeled Sue's II boutique on Benton's square, Bain helps women regain a bit of themselves.

Bain said some women have medical conditions that makes them go bald, while others just want the freedom of knowing every day will be a good hair day. Either way, she said it's a joy helping them fill a need in their life.

Even over the phone, Bain said she can tell when a customer is potentially battling something — losing hair is sometimes an outward symbol of a greater fight and she said she tells these customers who are resistant to even the idea they may need a wig to simply come in. She tells them they won't be the same after.

"You come in here and you are going to be a different person when you leave," Bain said.

This is the bit she loves the most. "I love making people feel better about themselves, giving them their self-confidence back," she said.

Bain's process is to make people feel special — her boutique feels like a high-end beauty salon, equipped with plush



Wigs line the walls at Sue's II in Benton.

chairs in front of big mirrors. Lining the walls are wigs with every style, length and color a customer could want. She said she keeps such a large number in stock so customers won't have to wait on a special order — they can leave with a new hairpiece that day.

Bain said while she gets a lot out of helping people who need a wig for med-

ical reasons, this is not the majority of her customers.

"We sell a lot to people going through chemo, alopecia, hair loss," she said, "but a lot of our business is people who just want their life easier and want good hair every day."

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Rauner outlines more cuts

Proposes \$200 million in state budget cuts

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SPRINGFIELD — Gov. Bruce Rauner's administration has outlined more than \$200 million in cuts it wants to make to Illinois' new budget, including to human services, agriculture programs and transportation.

The cuts were presented in materials Rauner's budget office gave to legislative caucuses.

Democratic Rep. Greg Harris of Chicago said the cuts include \$89 million to human services programs, including autism services, after-school programming, and immigrant and refugee services.

Harris questioned the governor's priorities. Harris noted that many of the programs with cuts are those that the governor has repeatedly targeted over the years.

"It's the usual list of things he has tried to zero out each time he gets the chance," Harris said. "While I am glad he did not totally eliminate them this time, it's the same groups and same programs that are critical investments for the state."

Rauner spokeswoman Patty Schuh said the governor was obligated to make the cuts.

"The governor received a budget \$1.7 billion out of balance and has to take action where possible to begin reducing that structural imbalance," she said.

Other cuts include \$85 million to the Illinois Department of Transportation, \$41 million to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, and \$21 million to the Department of Agriculture.

Rauner's administration said more cuts will need to be made, because the budget is still \$1.5 billion out of balance.



Rauner

Trump promises 'biggest' tax cuts

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WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump promised tax cuts Friday "which will be the biggest in the history of our country" following Senate passage of a \$4 trillion budget that lays the groundwork for Republicans' promised tax legislation.

Republicans hope to push the first tax overhaul in three decades through Congress by year's end, an ambitious goal that would fulfill multiple campaign promises but could run aground over any number of disputes. Failure could cost the GOP dearly in next year's midterm elections.

Meanwhile, the federal budget deficit rose to \$666 billion in the just-completed fiscal year, a spike that comes as Republicans are moving to draft a tax code rewrite that promises to add up to \$1.5 trillion to the national debt

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Winston's Bagels is up for sale online

Iconic bagel cart for sale on Craigslist

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CARBONDALE — A little piece of Carbondale history has gone up for sale on Craigslist.

For 34 years, Winston "the Bagel Man" Mezo served up hot bagels to the late-night bar crowd, most recently in the parking lot of Pinch Penny Liquors on Grand Avenue.

Now his iconic bagel cart is listed on the classifieds website for \$3,500. That price includes the cart itself and "all cart equipment, grill, utensils, coolers and a 1998 Econoline Ford ¾ ton

Van," according to the ad.

Mezo's bagels, topped with everything from cucumbers to bacon bits to apples, were beloved by his mostly college-age regulars.

He said that about a dozen people have expressed interest in the equipment but that it's still currently available. He'd prefer to sell the cart to someone who plans to operate it in Carbondale, although that's not a requirement.

"I'd really like to for a few reasons — I can help them out if they're close. I said I'd go up there every once in a while, and I can give them a lot of shortcuts

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Winston Mezo puts the finishing touches on his famous bagels on his last night in businesses on April 27. Mezo is selling the bagel cart on Craigslist.

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