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CROWNING ACHIEVEMENT: Loren McDaniel is crowned as Miss Arkansas 2015 by outgoing Miss Arkansas Ashton Campbell, with Miss America Kira Kazantsev, right, during the final night of pageant competition Saturday at Bank of the Ozarks Arena.

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MISS ARKANSAS: Newly crowned Miss Arkansas 2015 Loren McDaniel spoke to members of the media in the Wheeler Room of the Hot Springs Convention Center Sunday during her first news conference since winning the crown.

Loren McDaniel named Miss Arkansas 2015

LORIEN E. DAHL
The Sentinel-Record

Van Buren resident and third-time contestant Loren McDaniel took the Miss Arkansas 2015 crown and title during ceremonies held Saturday in Bank of the Ozarks Arena.

A 2015 theater major and graduate of University of Arkansas, she has plans to earn a Master of Fine Arts in the same field. She competed in this year's state pageant as Miss Northwest Arkansas, receiving not only the win, but also the $2,000 Overall Interview Award, $500 Service Before Self Award, and Children's Miracle Network Miracle Maker Award.

She is the 22-year-old daughter of Kevin and Melissa McDaniel of Van Buren, who were in attendance to watch her win. Her personal plat-

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Pageant winner 'overwhelmed' after crowning

ELISHA MORRISON
The Sentinel-Record

Loren McDaniel struggled to hold back tears Sunday in the Wheeler Room of the Hot Springs Convention Center as she spoke at her first news conference since being named Miss Arkansas 2015 Saturday night.

"I am overwhelmed with emotion, excitement, happiness, and disbelief," she said.

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Diplomats: Iran announcement planned today

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AND MATTHEW LEE
The Associated Press

VIENNA — Negotiators at the Iran nuclear talks plan to announce today that they've reached a historic deal capping nearly a decade of diplomacy that would curb the country's atomic program in return for sanctions relief, two diplomats told The Associated Press on Sunday.

The envoys said a provisional agreement may be reached even earlier — by late Sunday. But they cautioned that final details of the pact were still being worked out. Once it is complete, a formal, final agreement would be open to review by officials in the capitals of Iran and the six world powers at the talks, they said.

Senior U.S. and Iranian officials suggested, however, there might not be enough time to reach a deal by the end of Sunday and that the drafting of documents could bleed into today.

All of the officials, who are at the talks in Vienna, demanded anonymity because they weren't authorized to discuss the negotiations publicly.

"We are working hard, but a deal tonight is simply logistically impossible," the Iranian official said, noting that the agreement will run roughly 100 pages.

The senior U.S. official declined to speculate as to the timing of any agreement or announcement but said "major issues remain to be resolved."

Despite the caution, the negotiators appeared to be on the cusp of an agreement.

U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry, who on Thursday had threatened to walk away from the negotiations, said Sunday that "a few tough things" remain in the way but added "we're getting to some real decisions."

En route to Mass at Vienna's gothic St. Stephens Cathedral, Kerry said twice he was "hopeful" after a "very good meeting" Saturday with Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif, who had Muslim services Friday. The two met again early Saturday evening.

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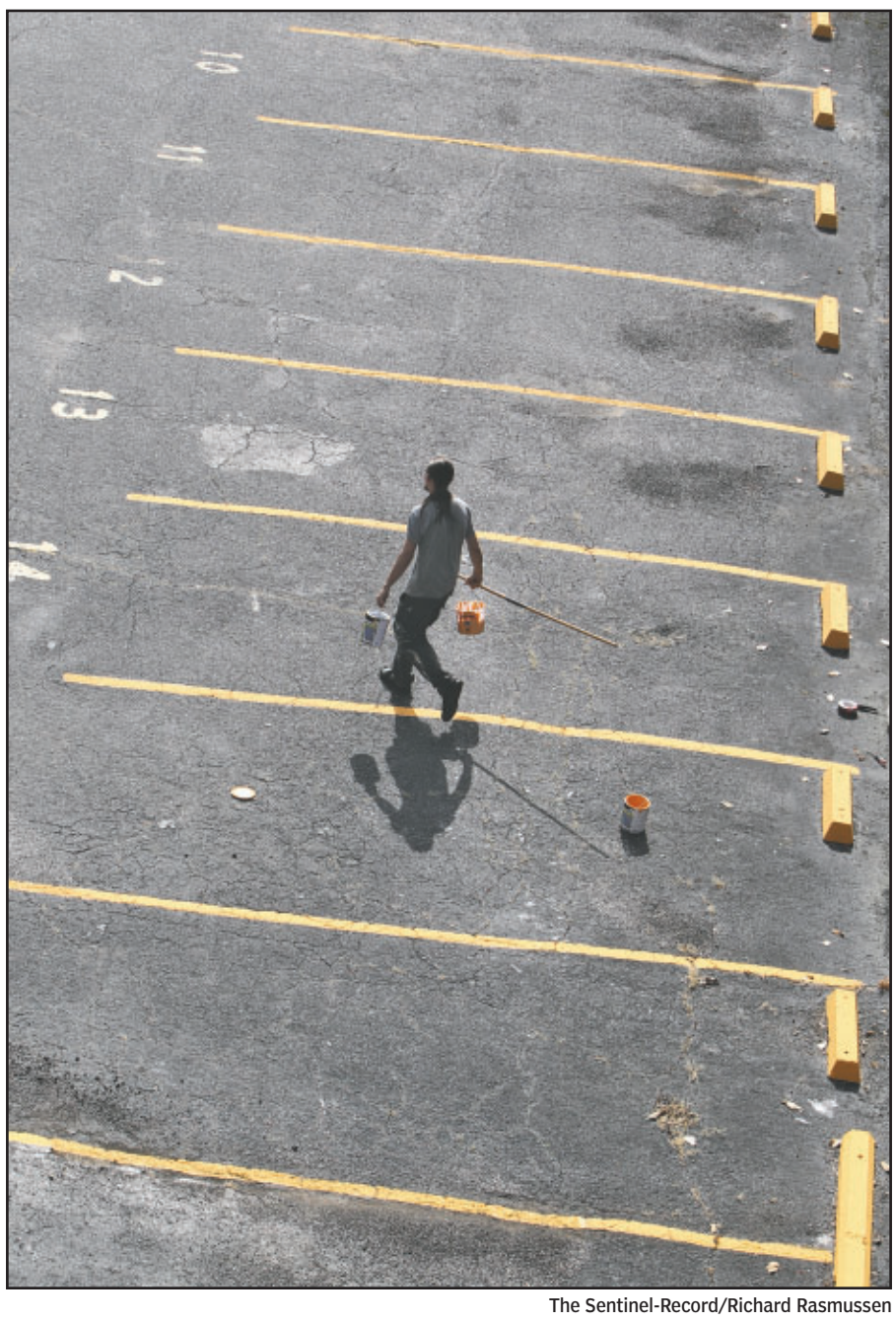

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An unidentified man recently worked on striping a parking lot in the 500 block of Central Avenue as temperatures reached into the 90s. A heat advisory is now in effect from noon today until 7 p.m. Tuesday. An afternoon heat index in excess of 105 degrees is expected through at least Tuesday according to the National Weather Service. Conditions will remain warm at night, with lows only in the mid to upper 70s.

Cuts leave treasurer's telephone budget short

DAVID SHOWERS
The Sentinel-Record

A special called Finance Committee session is scheduled before tonight's Garland County Quorum Court meeting to appropriate money the committee cut from the county treasurer's phone budget during last October's budget session.

The committee reduced telephone line items in numerous departments' 2015 budget requests as a result of the Voice over Internet Protocol system the county implemented to lower long distance costs and use fewer phone lines.

County Treasurer Tim Stockdale's $2,100 request was cut in half to $1,050, leaving $169 to pay the remaining six months of phone bills after charges for the first half of the year totaled $881.

"Since the Finance Committee chose to cut our budget in half, our office only has enough money to pay phone bills half way through the year," Stockdale wrote in an email to the committee prior to its July 6 meeting. "I need the original amount that I requested at the budget meetings so I can pay our phone bills through the entire year like I anticipated from the beginning."

The committee asked for an itemization of the remaining costs before tabling Stockdale's $1,050 appropriation request. According to an email Stockdale sent after the meeting, the first six months of phone expenses accounted for $529 to AT&T, $270 for cellphone reimbursements, $12.52 for long distance and $69.05 for an Internet faxing service his office no longer uses.

Stockdale estimated $835 would have to be added to the telephone line item to cover the final six months of expenses.

The special session will also consider a $700 appropriation to the treasurer's dues and member-

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