NYS Secretary of State will Speak at Republican Dinner

New York's Secretary of State Alexander F. (Sandy) Treadwell will be the guest speaker at next Tuesday's annual Republican fund-raising dinner at the Lowville Elks Lodge.

Appointed Secretary of State by Governor George E. Pataki on January 4, 1995, Mr. Treadwell heads the oldest agency of New York State government.

Under the Pataki Administration, the Department of State has been reorganized into two divisions: Business and Licensing Services, and Local Government and Community Services.

Secretary Treadwell grew up in New York City and on his family farm in Essex County, New York. He holds a bachelor's degree in Journalism from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. A former reporter for Sports

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There has been considerable discussion about the quality of outdoor air, particularly in southern Lewis County. Despite this, we are fortunate that unlike many areas of the country, we do not have alert days that indicate outdoor air is especially dangerous to health. However, indoor air in homes and buildings can be more polluted and potentially more dangerous than outdoor air. Research indicates that people spend approximately 90% of their time indoors.

Lowville Firemen Respond to 'Leaning Tower' Emergency at Ross Dairy Farm

Lowville's J. D. Ross ran into a somewhat unique and unsettling problem last Thursday morning: a problem that could easily have become dire indeed were it not for the timely assistance of the Lowville Volunteer Fire Department and Paul Lyndaker.

One of J. D.'s twin silos, the one he had just the day before completed loading, had begun to list towards his heifer barn.

"Thursday morning I came out and at first I noticed that the vent pipe on the shed next to the silo was crooked," he told us. "Then I noticed that the roofing had buckled, and that the silo had started to tip over. I guess the staves under the ground are just rotten. They've been there since 1965."

Faced with a leaning tower containing 500 tons of silage, J. D. called around looking for help. He finally found it right down the street.

"I called the crane guys," he said. "And I couldn't get anybody. Finally, Rodney Hill my milk tester just happened to stop by and he said to give the guys at the Fire Department a call. So I called Jack Bush and he called Joe Zehr (Chief Joe Zehr of the Lowville Volunteer Fire Department), and the guys came over with the aerial."

The "aerial" is a 1991 Pennsylvania built truck that nearly everyone refers to as a "hook and ladder." Well, these days units like the big rig owned by the Lowville VFD are called LTT's or Ladder/Towers Incorporated.

According to Jim Lehman, one of its operators, its tower can reach a height of 100 feet at a 75-degree angle. And that comes in mighty handy for, among other things, anchoring leaning silos.

"It's quite a piece of machinery," said Mr. Lehman. "I'm pretty sure it's one of the biggest units in northern"