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## Community Update: Week Ending March 12, 2010

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recipients for their service to our country and their achievement in aviation history.

But did you know that Blanche Stuart Scott, born April 8, 1885 in Rochester, was a pioneer in aviation history. Ms. Scott earned great acclaim for her aviation prowess in the early 1900s as an aerial exhibitionist for traveling shows, and later, as the first American woman to fly in a jet, when she was a passenger of legendary test-pilot, Chuck Yeager. For her achievements in aviation, on December 30, 1980, the United States Postal Service commemorated Ms. Scott by issuing an air mail stamp in her honor.

### Partnering with Highland Hospital to Fight Breast Cancer

For years I have been a strong advocate for the programs and services offered to women through Highland Hospital for the early detection and prevention of breast cancer. I have been truly

County Highway Superintendents, as well as Tony Rice, Director of the Monroe County Department of Transportation (seated left) to discuss highway funding and transportation issues for our local towns and villages.

Last year, the Consolidated Highway Improvement Program (CHIPS) received \$363.1 million in state funds, while the Municipal Streets and Highways Program (known as Marchiselli Aid) received \$39.7 million. In recognizing the current economic challenges facing our state, I understand that it will be extremely difficult to increase funding for our highways, roads and bridges this year, even though such an increase in funding is extremely necessary and more than justified.

Nevertheless, it is imperative that Governor Paterson withstands further pressure from his colleagues in New York City to pull more money from capital programs vital to Upstate New York. In recent years, Downstate Leaders have directed