



Mike Nieman (left) of Newton, with his flight instructor Geoff Orlandi, after Nieman's first solo flight, conducted at Blairstown Airport on February 26th. Nieman is in training with Orlandi at Endless Mountains Air Flight School in Blairstown, seeking to earn his pilot license. The first solo marks a milestone in the training, where the student flies the aircraft alone for the first time. This only occurs after flight and ground training to learn how to control the airplane in all phases of flight. Now that Nieman has accomplished his first solo he will go on to learn more advanced maneuvers and navigation. Then he will be ready to obtain the coveted Private Pilot Certificate and join the world of licensed aviators. Congratulations Mike! For more information about flying and flight training, contact Orlandi at 201-874-5458.

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Rick Murray (right) with his flight instructor Geoff Orlandi after a training flight in the airplane Murray will use to learn to fly! As a 15-year-old-North Warren High School freshman, Murray will be observing first hand the real world applications of science, technology, engineering and math as he pursues pilot training. Aviation offers a classroom in the sky where learning becomes rewarding and practical. Starting at his age will allow Murray to solo at the mandatory minimum age of 16 and obtain his pilot certificate at 17; and his goal is to accomplish those milestones on his birthdays.