

Flying solo



Submitted Photo

Vincent Orlandi and his flight instructor Geoff Orlandi pose after Vincent's first solo flight, conducted from Blairstown Airport Aug. 26. Vincent, a 17-year-old North Warren senior, is in training for his pilot's license. Solo is a milestone in flight training where the student flies the airplane and is the only occupant of the aircraft. Solos allow the student to practice techniques and build on the confidence gained from previous flight and ground training with the instructor. Since his first solo, Vincent, who is Orlandi's son, has performed two additional solo flights. Orlandi offers complete pilot training at Endless Mountains Air, a flight school at Blairstown Airport. Call 201-874-5458 to discuss an introductory flight or a scenic ride in one of the airplanes.

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New Cloud Flyer! Jim Sak (right) of Hope stands in front of his airplane with flight instructor Geoff Orlandi (left) of Blairstown after Sak successfully completed his flight test for an instrument rating. That rating gives Sak, a Private Pilot, the license to fly in clouds and reduced visibility conditions. He can now use his airplane for personal transportation with more freedom and confidence to navigate through varied weather conditions. Orlandi provided the ground and flight training through Endless Mountains Air, a pilot training facility at Blairstown Airport.



The mighty Mississippi - John Beneat of Sparta and his flight instructor Geoff Orlandi of Blairstown caught this view of the Mississippi River as they winged their way to Texas in John's small airplane.