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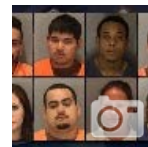
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With an instructor at his side and after a pre-flight checklist, the team taxied to a runway.

To prepare, Lippy worked in simulators and studied flight.

Advanced Air Inc. instructors and pilots donate their time and money to make the lessons something students can experience. They are

able to manipulate the controls during flight.

"I think it's very cool, and I'm absolutely delighted that we can offer this opportunity," Aviation Explorer Arlene Steier said. "There's fences around airports now, and it's difficult for kids to find out what this is about."

For Lippy, a 30-minute flight may have a lifelong impact.

"This is awesome," Lippy said. "It's a dream come true."

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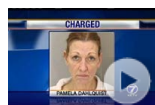
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