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GCHS Junior Trista Keeton pilots a Cessna 172 in preparation to become a certified private pilot in August.

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GCHS Warhawk takes flight

Keeton certified private pilot at 17

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At 16 years old, most students are focused on getting their driver's license to operate a regular vehicle, but junior Trista Keeton is focused on a "loftier" goal: acquiring her private pilot's certificate.

Keeton's first formal flight lesson was June 6, 2023, she said. By October 2024, shortly after turning 16, Keeton was able to fly a plane solo by acquiring her student pilot certificate, well before she was able to get her restricted driver's license in February.

Though a certified student pilot well beyond the FAA re-

quirement of 40 flight hours, Keeton has to wait until she turns 17 to receive the private pilot's certification, said Wings Georgetown and Lexington Assistant Flight Operations Manager Joshua Blackburn. By then, she'll likely have 70-plus hours of flight time.

"She's working on her private pilot's certificate, which is generally the first step that everybody goes through," Blackburn said. "Any student has to be 17 years old to. Her birthday's in late August, so that's the targeted date we have for her to be able to take her check ride."

Currently, Keeton flies a Cessna 172 with Wings Flight Training, she said, but she wants to ultimately fly professionally for an airline or privately and hopes

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Local Civil Air Patrol cadets collect data for NASA

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Civil Air Patrol (CAP) is assisting on a project with NASA by collecting data to better understand "high-altitude humidity and its impact on contrail formation and aviation safety," according to 1st Lt Michelle Roberts and a press release provided by CAP. Saturday, May 10, CAP gathered data while in Brooking Park.

"Building on success and lessons learned during the 2023 and 2024

NASA Solar Eclipse Missions, CAP is again gathering important data for NASA," states the press release. "CAP members have been tasked with obtaining ground-based observations, which will be paired with satellite imagery from NASA's GEO and NOAA-20 weather satellites. This will provide a unique perspective on atmospheric conditions."

This experience provides hands-on experience, according to the release.

"The 2025 Aviation Weather Mission is an incredible opportunity for Civil Air Patrol members to contribute to real-world scientific research while deepening their understanding of aerospace science," said Capt. Shannon Babb, mission director. "This mission strengthens our partnership with NASA and inspires the next generation of aviators and scientists."

"By engaging in hands-on data collection, our cadets and senior members directly

support advancements in aviation safety and weather research. It's an exciting time for CAP and aerospace education's future."

CAP is committed to aerospace education, states the release.

"It is an honor to support our community, state, and nation in any capacity," Roberts said. "This mission shows our members that their training and aerospace education knowledge contributes to missions on a scale much larger than our local area."



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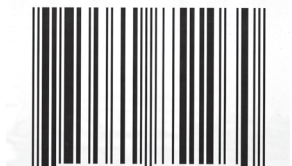
Cadet Senior Airman Tobias Hemenway (right) records data while Cadet Staff Sergeant Brayden Cain relays the information.

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