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Subject: WPR26LA169, Student Pilot Statement

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The student pilot reported that during the preflight planning, she noted the wind was 260° at 6 kts and was within her student pilot solo limit for the flight and takeoff from runway 24. During the landing flare, a "huge gust of wind picked me up," and pushed the airplane to the left of the runway. When the pilot tried to straighten out the wings, the left wing came down and impacted the dirt on the runway median and damaged the left wing and aileron.

The pilot reported that there were no preimpact mechanical malfunctions or failures that would have precluded normal operation.