

**FLYOVER:** Rodeo offers rare glimpse of vintage aircraft

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Tuskegee Airmen (Red Tails) colors, an F4U Corsair jet, and a P-47 Thunderbolt.

The P-51 flew in World War II, the Korean War and other conflicts.

“I believe these are rare airplanes to still fly,” Baldwin said. “Probably only one in a hundred of the P-51 and Corsair. There are only seven airworthy P-47s. To see these fly is a significant opportunity.”

Two of the vintage planes are sponsored for the second year by Laurie and Kevin Adams, The Mountain

Group. Baldwin is sponsoring the P-47 in memory of two pilots who flew in World War II. He flew with both of them in their flight careers.

Captain George Cooper, USAAF, a P-47 combat veteran pilot, was credited for four air-to-air victories against the Luftwaffe in Europe. He spent most of 30 years as a NASA test pilot and then as NASA Director of Flight Research.

Lt. Commander Ralph Foltz, US Navy, flew his Corsair in the Pacific, and was credited with five air-to-air victories. He was one of the legendary ace pilots of World War II.

The vintage planes will fly in formation over the rodeo grounds, banking left, right



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The F4U Corsair – the majestic warbird of the Pacific Theater of World War II.



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The P-51 Mustang – the finest fighter of the war.

and overhead as they swarm the skies.

The F4U Corsair was the mainstay of Marine and US Navy fighter strength in the Pacific Theater of World War II and was made famous as the aircraft of Gregory “Pappy” Boyington’s Black Sheep Squadron, which racked up 203 enemy planes destroyed or damaged, produced nine fighter aces with 97 confirmed air-to-air kills, sank several troop transports and supply ships, destroyed many installations, in addition to numerous other victories.

The P-47 Thunderbolt was

famous for its ability to take punishment. It was effective as a medium-range fighter escort plane for bombing missions and also in ground attack against enemy troops.

The P-51 Mustang was by most measures the best fighter aircraft of the war. With external tanks it had greater range than other planes and could escort bombers all the way from England to Germany and back. It was fast and nimble, making it an excellent

dogfighting aircraft, flown by numerous American aces, including the legendary Chuck Yeager.


Sisters Rodeo will begin June 8 with Xtreme Bulls, followed by four rodeo performances June 10-12. For tickets and information, call the ticket hotline at 541-549-0121 or 1-800-827-7522, or visit the ticket office at 220 W. Cascade Ave. in Sisters. For information visit [www.sistersrodeo.com](http://www.sistersrodeo.com).

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**The Financial Side of Being a Caregiver**

Caring for a family member is complex. While deeply meaningful, it can be emotionally taxing and often presents unexpected challenges, often financial ones. If you may need to step into a caregiving role, it's a good idea to plan a financial strategy today, before it becomes an added stressor. Here are some questions to help you get started:

**What do you know about your loved one's financial situation?** Knowing the particulars of your loved one's disability, life and health insurance policies, savings and financial obligations can make it easier to step in on a moment's notice. Obtain contact information for the financial professionals your loved one works with so you know who to go to if you have questions.

**What is your strategy to pay caregiving expenses?** First, think about what bills and expenses your loved one is currently paying that you may need to make on his or her behalf. Encourage your loved one to set up automatic bill pay or to add you as a second signer on a bank account to make handling expenses easier. Next, consider what expenses you may incur as a result of your caregiving role, such as out-of-pocket medical care or home improvements needed to accommodate your loved one.


**What is the financial impact if you need to take time off from work?** If you are employed, you may be covered by the Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA). With this federally mandated program, eligible employees can take up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave to care for an immediate family member while health benefits continue. Some companies allow employees to stockpile sick days and vacation days; if you can use this kind of accrued time off, you'll still get paid. Liquid savings of your own can help to cover your expenses if you need to take unpaid leave from work.

**Are your loved one's assets legally protected?** Being proactive from a legal standpoint can help ensure your loved one's wishes are known and assets are protected during a prolonged illness. Power of attorney, or a durable power of attorney, gives a trusted party the ability to make important decisions about finances and health care. Another legal document that can help is an advanced directive, which outlines specifics for medical and end-of-life care. When these documents are in place, you have clear guidance on how to manage your family member's affairs.

**Who would you turn to for support?** Talk with other family members about their willingness to help and how responsibilities might be divided. Research social service and community organizations in your area to see what support is available for caregivers.

**How will you balance your financial goals with caregiving expenses?** Caregiving often requires more immediate expenses that can make it challenging to focus on saving for your child's college education or your own retirement. Developing a plan to continue saving toward long-term goals may help you reduce your financial stress down the road. Financial planning under the guidance of a financial advisor can help you anticipate and prepare for caregiving and other future events that may impact your finances.

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