Thomas Doty – Storyteller

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On October 12, 2019, storyteller Thomas Doty will present Coyote, Columbus & Beeson. The program is at 1:00 p.m. at the Gold Hill Library, 202 Dardanelles Street, Gold Hill, OR 97525. Admission is free. Well-behaved children are welcome.

This performance begins in the Old Time when stories are new, and then explodes into Indian-White contact time. Thomas Doty's presentation contrasts Native American and European world views, sheds light on the removal of native people from their homelands, and tells the story of John Beeson, Oregon's first human rights activist during the Rogue River War of the 1850s. A powerful blend of cultural loss and hope for what's coming.

Since 1981, Thomas Doty has traveled the countryside performing traditional and original stories. He learned his art and native cultural traditions from elders, including listening to Grandma Maude, the family storyteller. Doty was born in southern Oregon where he still lives. He is descended from Irish and English settlers who settled in the Rogue Valley in the 1800s, and has family connections to Takelma and Shasta ancestors of the region. He is the author of several books, including Doty Meets Coyote, published in 2016 by Blackstone Publishing. His stories have been broadcast on Public Radio, and he is the recipient of a Distinguished Lifetime Achievement Award from the national American Indian Program. He has been called, "A Cultural Treasure" and "A Master of his Art."

This presentation is sponsored by Gold Hill Friends of the Library. For information, call 541-855-1994.


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