

News from Grayling

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Grayling Native Store

Grayling's new Native store, which was completed this summer, officially opened its doors this past Sept. 21. The store, bigger, better equipped and more attractive, features about the same products you would find in your local metropolitan supermarket, including apples and bananas, formerly hard, if not impossible to buy in Grayling. Now, if we can only get some canned boiled peanuts on the shelves and some fresh okra in the bins -----

During the first week, commemorating the grand opening, manager, Eleanor R. Deacon, and assistant manager, Marian Yaska, offered special prizes to lucky shoppers. Janet Deacon won a camp stove? Lucy Golilie won a Skill saw and Herbert Maillelle, won a beautiful down coat" plus a stereo. Johnnie Shaw won a chain saw

John Deacon's Sweet Potato

We recently visited with John and Belle Deacon, and was surprised to find that they had grown a really different type of sweet potato. I still don't believe it -- it looks exactly like an Irish potato -- skin the same -- shape from round to elongated -- color a very light yellow inside -- but, it's a sweet potato -- at least it tasted like one I think.

House of Many Colors

Visitors who are accustomed to the frame and log homes of Grayling, do a double take when they spot the Howard home which stands aloof, and individualistic among its more traditional neighbors.

This summer, the Howards decided to paint their home and did so with a flourish. They painted green, pink, yellow, orange and purple stripes in alternating colors around their once subdued brown house. The results are startling as well as attractive.