

Imagine the aroma of lamb chops cooking with potatoes, vegetables and mushrooms.

Now, guess who's the chef.

You might be surprised to learn it's Shannen Hosman, a fifth-grader at Fox Meadow Elementary School. Hosman's culinary skills have earned her a chance to compete in front of famous chefs Gordon Ramsay, Christina Tosi and Aaron Sanchez on Fox TV's MasterChef Junior.

"It was like a dream come true," she said.

When her mother, Ilaha, uncovered a casting call for MasterChef Junior, Shannen submitted her résumé and the audi-

o. Hosman has landed a spot on the show. She said she spent two weeks filming in Los Angeles, but confidentiality prohibits her from revealing what went on during filming.

"I always watch MasterChef Junior at home," Shannen said. "I never really thought about going on the show because I just generally love to watch cooking shows. . . . When I heard I was going to be on the show, which was really surprising, I was really excited because I thought it would be a really cool experience."

MasterChef Junior is a cooking competition for kids ranging from the ages of 8 to 13. Now in its seventh season, the

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leaving from Scarsdale. "The education, they are not really good with the Halasz said. "They still need to have who assists them. That's my opinion; have it open."

Many riders expressed sympathy for but conceded they never used the ticket.

"It's so much easier," Marianne Ho Lane resident, said of using the app. "I'm going to the train and not have cash and

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# Historic Griffen-Fish house on market for first time since 19

By ROBERT CHRISTIE

SCARSDALE — A house with historic ties to both Scarsdale and the United States is on the market, according to Julia B. Fee of Scarsdale.

The Griffen-Fish house, located at 31 Mamaroneck Road, belonged to Jonathan Griffen, who bought the 58-acre property in Scarsdale between 1731 and 1732, according to records from the Scarsdale Public Library.

It is believed the first Scarsdale town meeting was held at the house in 1783. However, additions and construction at the house over the years have left little of the actual structure in which the meeting allegedly took place.

In the basement, beneath the oldest portion of the house, there are large supports made of tree trunks that act

as uprights and beams. Further, there is a large brick fireplace with a side oven in between the pantry that sits in the middle of the dining room and the kitchen. Most of the newer construction, which includes these rooms, dates back to 1830.

In 1850, a new living room and bedroom were built on the west side of the house above the living room.

Despite the renovations, the house still has some features reminiscent of 18th and 19th century style — a butler's corner near the dining room, a small breakfast room, stone cellars and old gothic style windows that look out over Post Road.

The house even has a sleeping porch. Before the invention of air conditioning, residents used to find other ways to beat the heat.

A sleeping porch was a room built outside of a bedroom, similar to an indoor balcony, with windows on three sides of the room. Residents would open the windows during the summer and bring cots onto the porch where they could sleep and stay cool.

The house also has a trap door near the dining room. The existence of trap doors during the American Civil War period could indicate a place where slaves on the Underground Railroad might have hidden.

However, there's no historical record to confirm whether 31 Mamaroneck Road was part of the Underground Railroad.

Inside the Griffen-Fish house is a photo showing all of the home's owners and the date they purchased the

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The Griffen-Fish house could soon have its 19th owner.

# Historic house on market for first time in 40 years

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house — Griffen in 1732, Bartholemew Griffen in 1786, George De Kay in 1800, George W. Thompkins in 1814, Joseph Hatfield in 1815, Betts Horton in 1825, Elizabeth Osbrey in 1833, Catherine B. Fish in 1850, William H. Fish in 1889, Cornelius B. Fish in 1890, Emma A. Fish in 1917, Charles H. Freeman in 1920, The Carledan Realty Corporation in 1925, Arthur S. Inc. in 1925, Arthur S. Meyer in 1927, Marion W. Meyer in 1955, Alfred R. Clark in 1956, and James F. Holland in 1973.

The most recent owners of the property, James and Jimmie Holland, were both recognized as medical giants in the field of cancer research.

According to his obituary in The New York Times, James Holland is rec-

ognized as one of the founding fathers of chemotherapy.

He and his colleagues took grief from counterparts in their field because they attempted to treat cancer patients with multiple chemicals at the same time, instead of using one chemical after the other.

Further, per Holland's obituary, when he and his colleagues began their research, less than one in three children diagnosed with lymphoblastic leukemia — when bone marrow makes too many immature white blood cells — lived up to one year. As of 2018, nine out of 10 children survive the disease.

While James Holland researched the physical aspects of cancer, Jimmie Holland researched cancer's mental consequences.

Jimmie and some of her colleagues established the division of psychiatry at the Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in Manhattan.

She was the first woman to be in charge of a clinical department at the hospital and she was the first person to create a full-time psychiatry service in a major cancer hospital.

Jimmie died in Dec. 2017 and James died March 2018, leaving the house to their children.

The house also has ties to U.S. history. In the American Revolution era, British General William Howe reportedly used the house during the Battle of White Plains in 1776. Howe won a small victory against the Continental Army before his troops moved to Manhattan to attack Fort Washington.

Linda Mantis of Julia B. Fee in Scarsdale told the Inquirer selling a house with so much history is a little different than selling a normal house.

She said she's already had one interested party ask if they can tear down the house — to which she said, "No."

Scarsdale's village code protects houses with historic landmark designation from demolition. If a house does not have historic designation, a developer must approach the Committee for Historic Preservation to ask for a certificate of appropriation. The certificate would allow them to tear down the house.

Due to the house's historic ties to the town, the U.S., and the Hollands' scientific contributions, getting a certificate of appropriation could prove difficult.

Police responded to a report that a man was refi the property. As police the house, they saw the west on Old Army Road. Police met v House director who said refused when asked to leave in front of the property.

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