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Violin and hockey can mix

10-year-old enjoys unusual combination

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BAYSIDE — Besides acorns and oaks, great fiddlers from little hockey players may grow. Or is that vice versa?

That's a quandary at times for 10-year-old Lisa Morris, daughter of Ted and Helene Morris of Baylea Drive. There are times she doesn't know whether to grab her hockey stick and skates or fiddle and bow. She loves both. She also excels at both.

She's the only girl on her Atom league minor hockey team in Trenton. In fact she's the only girl in that division.

And on the fiddle, she has ribbons from the province-wide annual competition held at the Royal Winter Fair for two years in a row — second last year and fifth this year, but in an even larger 10 and under class.

Lisa started studying classical violin in the former Belleville Suzuki School led by T.J. McAvaney about five years ago. But she turned her attention to old-fashioned fiddling, becoming a pupil of Trenton-based entertainer Cindy Thompson.



Lisa Morris is an accomplished violinist

Apart from hockey, lessons and respective practice sessions, she has become a young entertainer in her own right, one of the most popular visitors to Hastings Manor and other performance functions.

Lisa has no idea about longrange career plans yet, but in she's enjoying both her music (she also plays guitar and sings) and her hockey and wants to keep on with both.

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