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Photos by Katie Erdman / Stevens County Times  
 Hans, played by Tyson Dougherty, checks on the distressed Princess Anna, played by Emily Hamm, during the Press Rehearsal of Frozen on May 4. The play opens May 13, at the Morris Area High School auditorium. Link to tickets available at [stevenscountytimes.com](http://stevenscountytimes.com).

## Frozen the Musical to be performed in Morris this weekend

Plays in Morris will be presenting the musical 'Frozen' on Thursday, May 13 through Saturday, May 15. Performances will begin at 7 p.m. on May 13, 14 and 15 with a matinee on May 15 at 2 p.m. Tickets will be available at the door for \$5. The theater will be at 50 percent capacity, but with four performances it is hoped everyone will have a chance to attend.

When newly crowned Queen Elsa accidentally sets off an

eternal winter in the town of Arendelle, her younger sister Anna (along with her friends Kristoff, Olaf and Sven) goes off on a thrilling adventure to find her sister and save the kingdom. Facing an unsuspected villain, unpredictable ice powers and something new waiting round every corner, Anna must fight alongside her friends to bring back summer. Frozen reveals  
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how true love can come in many forms, and that the bond between sisters is something truly special.

Cast members shared their thoughts on the play during a 'Press Rehearsal' on May 4. They are truly enjoying the musical and "love" coming to practices. As part of the Community Ed program, Play in Morris allows them a little more freedom when it comes to set design and costumes. All agreed that Rachel Steen has done a wonderful job sewing costumes for the production and Tasha Koehl has been very creative with the sets. They also state that the technical crew is very knowledgeable and good to work with.

Director Joe Ferririo stated that the auditions were virtual. When watching and visiting with the potential cast he was looking for specific traits that would come out in the role. Some needed good singing voices but other singing parts were not as important. People like Avery Frank, who plays Olaf, just fit the part through her personality.



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 At left, from left Ashley Koehl as Cook and Tasha Koehl as Duke of Weselton look on during the Press Rehearsal of Frozen last week. At right, Avery Frank as Olaf performs a singing number.



The cast members agreed that they have become like one big family. "We love interacting socially," stated Bobbie Wohlers, "we hang out together like a family and enjoy coming to practice."

Luci Bransel, who plays Elsa, has enjoyed the creative freedom they have had. There was one scene in the play that she totally redid and it worked out so much better. "It feels like our own show," she stated.

"The show is very familiar but we are still learning new things," said Emily Hamm, who plays Anna "There are even a

few new scenes and songs."

When asked about continuing their acting careers, some will go on to pursue the arts in college and those who are not yet graduating will probably try out for more theater productions. Rachel Steen announced that she has been accepted at the Perpich School of Arts which is very exciting for her future.

The cast includes: Emily Hamm (Anna), Luci Bransel (Elsa), Nikolai Stout (Kristoff), Avery Frank (Olaf), Tysen Daugherty (Hans), Bobbi Wohlers (Sven), Rachel Steen (Oaken/Bishop), Hailey Lesmeister (Queen Iduana), Kylan Running Hawk (King Agnarr), Tasha Koehl (Duke of Weselton), Jennie Odello (Young Anna), Greta Conroy (Young Elsa), Lydia Liljenquist (Pabbie), Isaac Hoffman (Bulda & Townsperson 2), Kayla Wiese (Housekeeper), Ashley Koehl (Cook),

Victoria Vargas (Townsperson 1), Avery Wiese (Townsperson 3), Gabriella Bartholet (Townsperson 5), and Wesley Richards (Townsperson 6).

This show features all of the great music from the award winning film plus many new songs. Children can join the fun on May 15 at 1 p.m. by participating in the Prince and Princess parade. Come dressed in as a prince or princess or in your favorite costume. The Cost is \$3 per child, and juice and cookies will be provided.