

Community *Photo* Album



The elephants struggled to adjust to their costumes before the start of the show. From left: Anthony Huntington, Aidan Cronin and Rachel Pilch.

Gate of Heaven School Christmas Program

Gate of Heaven School had its annual Christmas program December 15, with participation by the pre-school, kindergarten, first and second grade students, accompanied by the Gate Singers, under the direction of Mrs. Susanne Motyka. The theme of the younger students' performance was "Holiday Zoobilee," by John Jacobson and Alan Billingsley. In the play, a zookeeper, who is usually a very friendly man, becomes grumpy because he has to work on Christmas Eve and Christmas day. The

animals all try to find a way to cheer him up. Eventually they discover that each of them has a special gift to give him. "Shepherds, Stars and A Savior" told the story of a group of shepherds who have lost their way to Bethlehem because they have stopped to help a stranger in need. But Connie Stelation and her squad of shining stars step in to help them reach their destination and witness the miracle in the manger.



Angels Michelle Ash and Lucia Walkowiak accompanied Ian Williams and Anna Layaou, who played Joseph and Mary.



Lions, but looking quite tame, from left; Brian Devine, Kaley Polachek and Tyler Burke.



Seth Sabol was the penguin and Christina Valenti and Anthony Huntington were elephants at the zoo.



Joseph (Ian Williams) stood behind Mary (Ann Layaou) as an angel (Lucia Walkowiak) and a lamb (Matthew Roncevich) stood watch.



Steven Wempa prepared for his role as a shepherd.

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