

Please Don't Feed Ebenezer the Donkey

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In a lush little field just off Main Street heading west from downtown resides the goodwill ambassador of Grandview. His name is Ebenezer, and he's a resident donkey that brings untold joy to all that catch a glimpse of him living his life.

For nearly 6 years now, I have taken my children (Miles, 5, and Zen, 11) down to this field weekly to feed him carrots and charter a solid bond. He feels like a family pet and we feel that we have grown up with Ebenezer the Donkey.

This last weekend, my son Zen stopped me as I whistled for Ebenezer to get his weekly bag of carrots. There was a sign attached to a fence section that said no one should feed Ebenezer because he was sick. He has an infection in his mouth and is restricted to a wet mash diet. This means that no one should be feeding him anymore. In addition, he has a white line disease in all four hooves, he's

anemic and has fluid in his left lung.

Ben Alvarado (Ebenezer's keeper) said that so far, Ebenezer is mending very well, but asks that residents not feed him until he's fully recovered from this bout of ailments.

It's hard to say what the future is for the unofficial goodwill ambassador of Grandview, but I know that he can use all the help he can get from everyone that has garnered so much joy from his presence in that small field off Main Street.

It's our turn to return the favor in whatever way we can. Whether it's a prayer, good thoughts or merely shouting a 'hello' as you glide by his barn in the field, any and all of it will help Ebenezer maintain his vigor and spirits.

We are hoping Ebenezer a solid return to health so that he can continue spreading the goodwill to a town that has been very good to him over the years.



Ebenezer and Zen Dimino