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800 Beanie Babies spell the initials of St. Mark's High School, where Cpl. Stephen McGowan, a combat medic who started a toy collection for Iraqi children, graduated. He died in Iraq in March.

Student collects Beanie Babies for Iraqi children

Collection in memory of soldier who died

Annie Deakayne, St. Mark's High School Class of 2005, coordinated a Beanie Baby collection for Iraqi children in memory of Cpl. Stephen McGowan, a fellow alumni who started the toy collection and died in Iraq.

"I felt like he did such a great thing, by starting this collection for the kids over there. The war is ruining their lives, and it's just a little way people can help out,"

Deakayne said. "It was horrible that he (McGowan) died, and I guess I felt that his mission needed to be continued." McGowan, a combat medic, died in March.

Deakayne, a member of the Key Club, who plans to study Engineering at the University of Virginia in the Fall, said she's been involved in several projects, including heading St. Mark's traditional canned food drive, but had never started a new school event before.

The response was great, she said. Students donated more than 800 Beanie Babies, and several brought in three or four bags.

Deakayne took the St. Mark's donations to Delaware State Police Troop 2, where officers have been collecting the stuffed animals, soccer balls and other small items since March to distribute to Iraqi children. To date, more than 20,000 have been collect-



Annie Deakayne, St. Mark's High School Class of 2005, delivers 800 Beanie Babies collected from classmates to State Police Troop 2.

ed, with the help of individuals and other schools like Padua Academy, Claymont Elementary School and the Brandywine High School Honor Society.

For more information about donating Beanie Babies, visit www.thergwfoundation.org or call 893-0177.



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Traffic Alert

A Community News report on traffic projects that affect motorists.

Traffic highlights in the local area from the Delaware Department of Transportation.

•10th St. Bridge – Lanes will be closed on the 10th St. Bridge in Wilmington through July 15 to repair

•Browns Lane – Lanes will be closed on Browns Lane in Christiana through July 15 for repaving. Lanes will be closed from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

• Old Capitol Trail Bridge – The Old Capitol Trail Bridge over the Red Clay Creek in Marshallton has been re-