



# St. Elmo Banner

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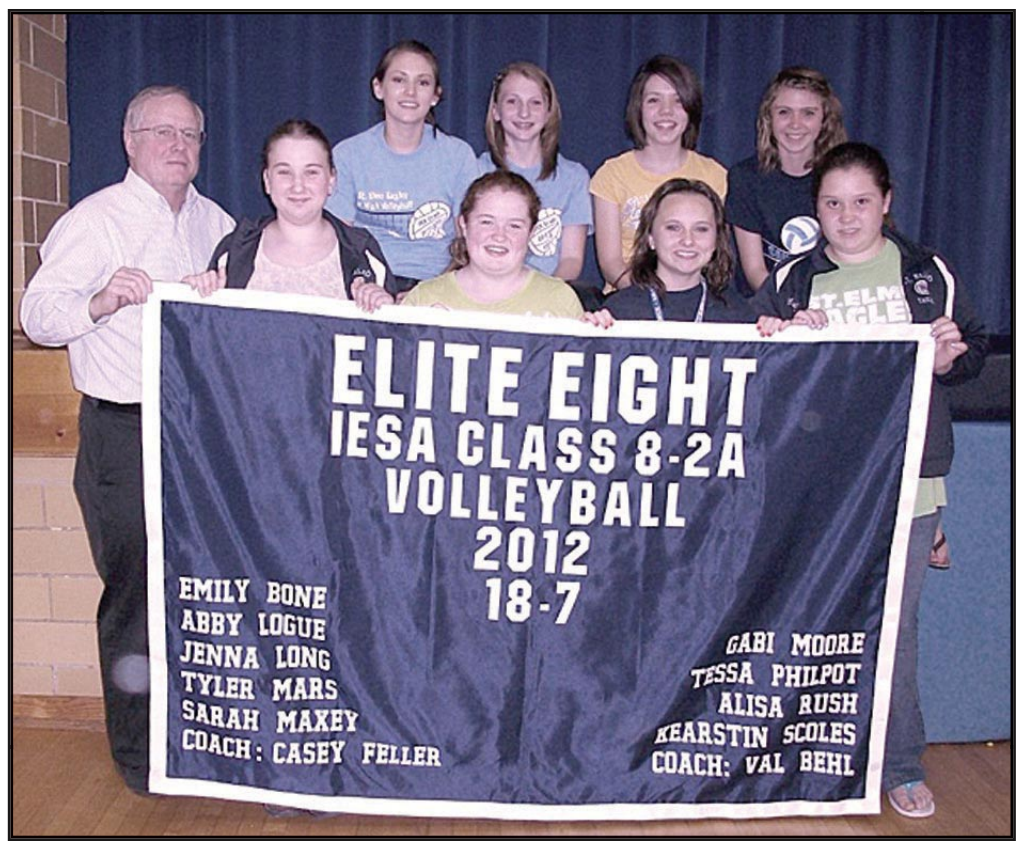
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 "Were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers or newspapers without government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter."  
 Thomas Jefferson

**COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS**

**Come Fly with VBS at First Baptist**  
 The First Baptist Church of Brownstown will have its vacation bible school June 4-8 from 6 - 8:30 p.m.  
**SEHS Alumni Banquet Set**  
 The St. Elmo High School Alumni Banquet will be May 26, at the High School gymnasium in St. Elmo.  
 This event is open to all that have ever attended St. Elmo Schools including family, friends, teachers and support staff.  
 Registration begins at 5 p.m. and dinner is served at 6 p.m. The cost of the meal is \$12.  
 Reservations may be made at the Fayette County Bank or call Laura Feezel at 618-427-3310. Please make your reservation by May 21.

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Funds have been donated to purchase the "Elite Eight" banner that will be mounted in the gymnasium at St. Elmo High School in honor of the St. Elmo Jr. High Girls eighth grade girls volleyball team that went to state in March. Pictured are, front row: Dan Childress, President of Fayette County Bank, Abby Logue, Tyler Mars, Alisa Rush, and Jenna Long. Second row: Gabi Moore, Tessa Philpot, Sarah Maxey and Emily Bone. Not pictured Kearstin Scoles.

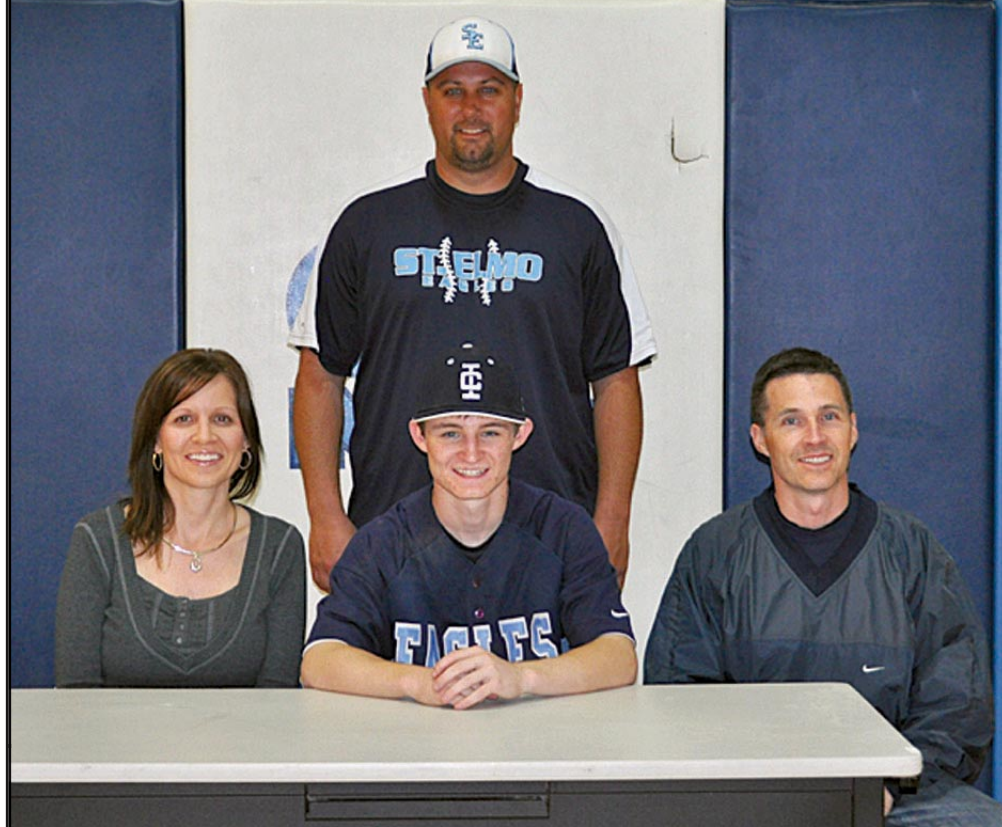
## 16 Brownstown/St. Elmo Athletes Qualify For State Track Meet

Brownstown Jr. High was represented by 16 track athletes at the IESA Class A State Track Meet in East Peoria following Saturday's 14 team Sectional meet at St. Anthony.  
 The girls team will send 11 girls in 12 events while the boys will have five athletes represented in four events.  
 During the meet eighth grader Emily Bone set a new meet record with a time of 1:02.22 in the 400 meter dash. The seventh grade girls finished in third place as a team with 73 points while the eighth grade girls placed third as a team with 61 points.  
 The seventh grade boys team finished in fourth as a team with 38 points. Those individuals qualifying for state and their events are:  
 Seventh Grade Girls: Morgan Brown: 200m and High Jump; Mackenzie Parkison: 100m dash; Tessa Philpot: 400m dash; Elizabeth Biggs: Shot Put and Discus; 4x100 Relay team of Mackenzie Parkison, Deana Shelton, Dana Shelton, Fatima Viramontes and alternate Malerie Nickerson; 4x400 Relay team of Deana Shelton, Tessa Philpot, Mackenzie Parkison, Fatima Viramontes and alternate Dana Shelton.  
 Eighth Grade Girls: Emily Bone: 100m Dash, 400m Dash and High Jump; 4x100 Relay team of Morgan Brown, Tessa Philpot, Sydney Rosborough, Emily Bone and alternate Kaylee Sefton.  
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## Scholes Signs to Play Baseball at Illinois College

BY CLYDE BARR  
 Editor  
 Four year St. Elmo Eagles baseball starter Blaine Scholes has signed a letter of intent to extend his career at Illinois College.  
 Blaine is the son of Marc and Jennifer Scholes and has been a four year starter at second base for Head Coach Ryan Beccue.  
 After visiting Illinois College Blaine said the college has extraordinary facilities, great coaches, and a great baseball program.  
 "Illinois College is a great fit for me athletically and academically," Blaine said. "I think I will be a good fit."  
 When asked if he felt he would come in and play right away, Blaine responded, "Every player's goal is to come in and play right away. My goal is to be productive when I play."  
 "I expect to learn from the upperclassmen and help the team in any way I can."  
 "I am a good hitter

and solid fielder," Blaine said when talking about strength and weakness. "But I need to improve in my speed and strength."  
 "Blaine has been a very dedicated player throughout his career here at St. Elmo High School," coach Beccue said. "He has started all four years at second base and has been one of our most consistent hitters the last couple of years."  
 "He is the type of player that doesn't do anything flashy, he just simply gets the job done," Beccue added. "He has been the type that leads by example. He is always ready to practice and is definitely not afraid of putting in the extra time it takes to get better at this game."  
 Beccue also said Blaine also has very supportive parents that are very involved in his baseball career.  
 "Whether he is playing baseball for us here at St. Elmo or for his summer



St. Elmo Eagles senior second baseman, Blaine Scholes, has committed to attend Illinois College in Jacksonville next year to play baseball. Blaine is the son of Marc and Jennifer Scholes. He is pictured with his parents and Eagles Head Baseball Coach, Ryan Beccue.



St. Elmo Community Picnic and Bicycle Safety Program was held on Saturday, May 5. The St. Elmo Police Department sponsored a bicycle safety program at Deken Park. Directing the safety portion of the program was St. Elmo Police Chief Trent Seiler and his father Craig Seiler. (Banner photo by Beth Smith)



St. Elmo was a busy community over the weekend of May 5-6. Among the events was the Community Picnic and Bicycle Safety Day and the St. Elmo PTO Carnival and Auction on Saturday. Sunday was spent at Lake Nellie with the kids annual fishing tournament hosted by the Cumberland Trail Bass Club. Just a few of the family fishing teams participating in the event are shown above. (Banner photo by Clyde Barr)