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AP DIVISION 7-8 ALL-STATE FOOTBALL TEAM STEVE SCHANKIN SUMMERFIELD, senior

Position: Receiver

His reaction: "It's a huge honor. I was not expecting it at all. It shocked me so much. It almost made me sick."

Parents: Brian and Michelle Schankin of Petersburg. Both are Summerfield graduates who played sports at the school. Brian played football, basketball and baseball – just like Steve. Michelle, whose maiden name is Crots, played volleyball and was a cheerleader.

Siblings: Sister Dawn is a junior at Summerfield and brother Trent is an 8th grader.

Famous ancestors: His great-grandfather, Carl Schankin, played on a Petersburg basketball team that went to the state semifinals in 1928. His grandfather on his mother's side is Ken Crots, a great athlete at Whiteford who played football at the University of Toledo and set several kicking records.

Best Memories: "Definitely the Whiteford game where I had that catch over Colin Lake for a touchdown. And then I had a catch and run against Sand Creek where I ran a fade (route) and Lucas (quarterback Lucas Diver) threw an absolutely perfect ball. I didn't have to do anything."

Biggest games: 179 yards against Sand Creek, 10 catches against Clinton.

Player he emulated: "Jed Crots (a former Summerfield receiver) is my cousin. I watched him play his senior year and I thought if he could do it, I could do it, too."

What his coach, Erik Johnson, said: "He had an outstanding season. He was our go-to receiver from Day 1. He ran real nice routes and was always looking to make himself better. He's the kind of kid where you tell him something and he would really listen. Then he went out and used it on the field."

Other sports: Plays guard in basketball and is a pitcher and shortstop in baseball.

Favorite sport: "Basketball. I have always liked that best. But after this football season, I have to like it, too."

Future plans: "I want to try to play basketball at Siena Heights. If I can't do that, I probably will go to Adrian and go into sports management. My dream job would be to work for the Detroit Lions or Detroit Pistons as an assistant general manager or something along those lines."

Other dreams: "I want to try to get a pilot's license when I get out of school. I really, really want to fly planes."



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