

Somerset County FFA President

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his tie at Penn State, an unknown FFA adviser discovered Jason's plight. He came to the rescue, surrendering his own neckpiece to the distressed youth, who returned it later.

"FFA is the people. These are people I'm going to know the rest of my life," Jason said. He was a delegate to the FFA state conven-

tion last June.

The wrestling enthusiast continues to discover new opportunities to serve others, blending the FFA experience with the sports ability.

As a youngster, Jason learned how to wrestle and canoe, then learned soccer and football, becoming a rather fearless participant.

Wrestling and football spawned more than competition against opponents. Within the team framework, the twin brothers became strong rivals. Realizing that either they reached a compromise or

quit, Jason said he chose wrestling and Joey stayed in football.

"I'm an elementary wrestling coach," said Jason. "I love kids." Additionally, he works with other

special children in the school system who have struggles.

Jason praises a host of guides along his pathway, mainly his
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Passing out balloons to both kids and adults on 4-H and FFA Day at the Somerset County Fair, Jason Tipton, president of the Somerset County FFA, stoops to chat with 2-year-old Meghan Anderson in the stroller. The girl is from Bethel Park.



Somerset County FFA Council members are in official dress for the Somerset County Fair's 4-H and FFA Day. Front, left to right, Jeremy Bartels, treasurer; Jason Tipton, president; and Jonathan Smiley, vice president. Behind, adviser John Hartman; Ben Shipley, secretary; and Matt Coleman, sentinel. Absent were Valerie St. Clair, reporter and Allen Durst, parliamentarian.

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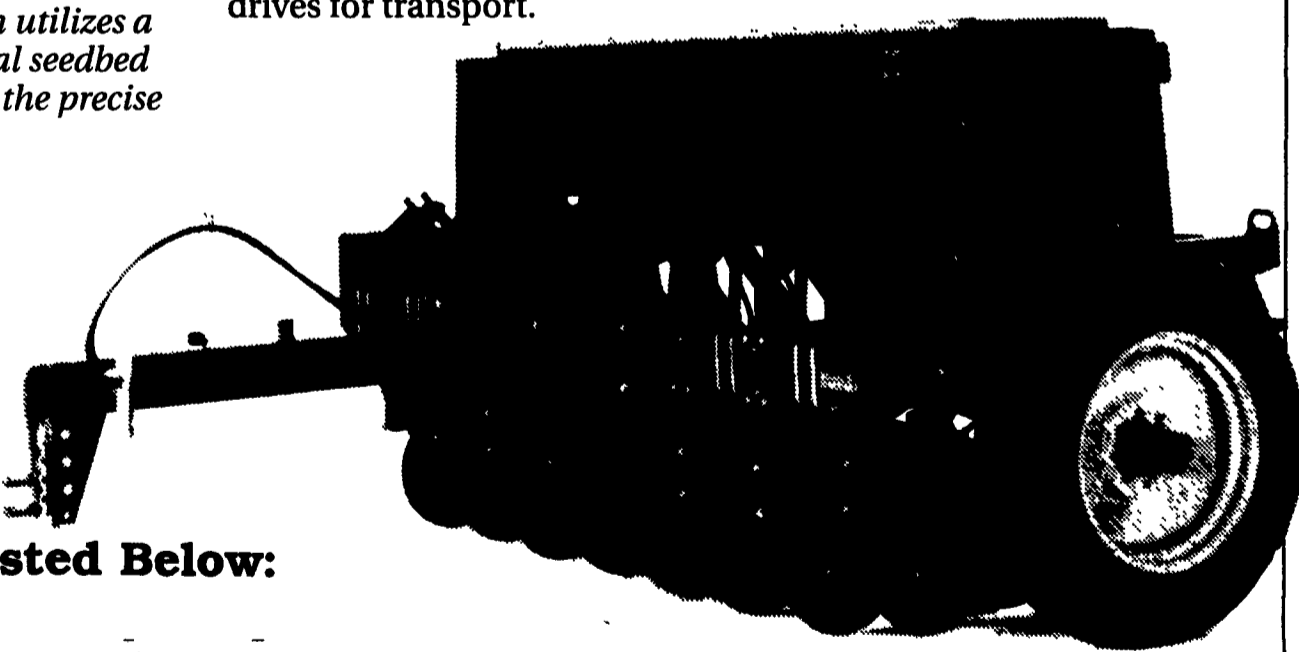
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