

Steel-High garden teaching students how to grow and give back

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STEELTON, Pa. — The Pennsylvania Director of Agriculture visited Steelton-Highspire High School Wednesday to tour the school’s garden.

All the produce grown in the garden is a direct result of the hard work by students.

“The students come up twice a week and tend to the garden. They weed, water, plant, harvest,” Bernadette Rhodes, a teacher, said.

Students are able to plant whatever vegetable their heart desires from spring to fall. They can then take that food home once the time is right.

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The last donation the school made was 200 pounds of produce.

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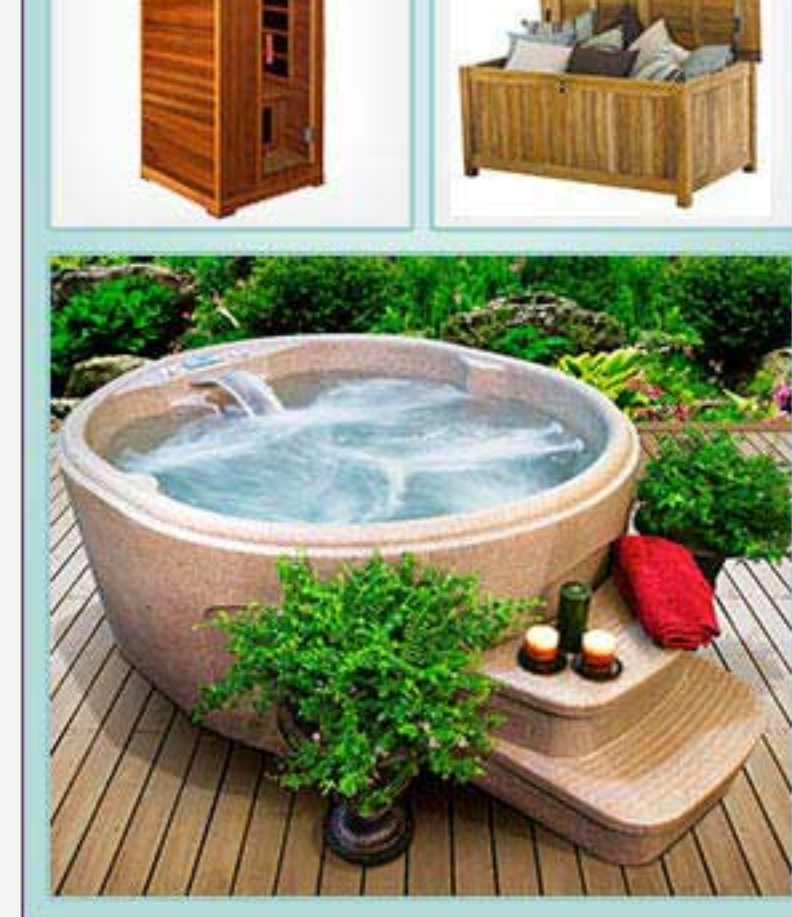
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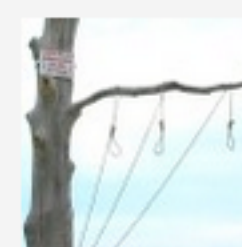
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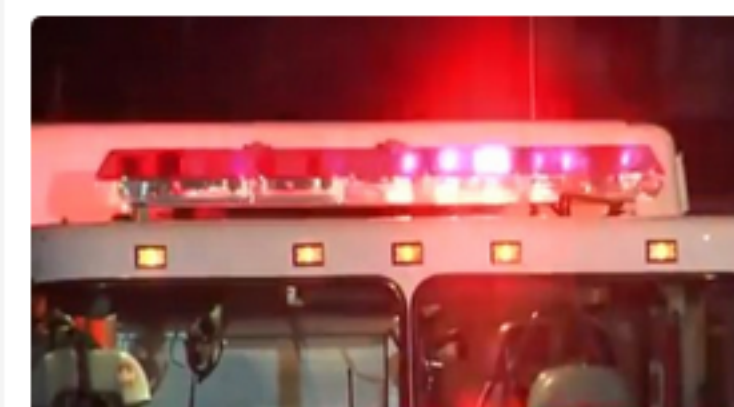
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