



# Linn County NEWS



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## Juvenile Department's on-line plant sale underway

ALBANY — Looking for a colorful gift that Mom can enjoy for months to come?

The Linn County Juvenile Department's "New Beginnings Garden" can provide a full array of beautiful potted flowers, succulents, hanging baskets and even tree seedlings.

Four-inch potted flowers cost \$4 each and hanging flower baskets are \$35.

All can be view at [www.new-beginnings-garden.myshopify.com](http://www.new-beginnings-garden.myshopify.com).

Note that all sales are through the website only. Place your order, pay via credit card and then pick up your plants at the detention center the next day, according to Juvenile Director Torri Lynn.

The Juvenile Detention Center is at 4400 Lochner Rd SE, Albany.

The greenhouse has been operational for about five years in partnership with the Oregon Youth Authority and the Multnomah Education Service District.

Students spend about 70 minutes per day tending plants, learning how to lay paving blocks, setting up waterers and creating eye-catching planters made



*Horticulture instructor Patrick Meehan works with a student at the Juvenile Detention Center, preparing for the annual plant sale that is underway this week.*



from tree limbs and other objects.

"It's a good way to keep their interest," explained Detention Center Manager Kevin Husk. "We like to provide a lot of hands-on learning opportunities."

In addition to working inside the

greenhouse — a second one will soon be added — students have landscaped around the horticultural area, have planted blueberries and are learning how to tend the bushes.

Students also tend vegetables in raised beds, which are included in the meal program.

Another major part of the horticulture program are thousands of young trees potted and grown by students and then purchased for planting by the Oregon Department of Forestry, Bureau of Land Management and U.S. Forest Service.

Species range from Douglas fir and western hemlock to cedar.