



The Baker Bulletin

A
Baker County
Extension
Service Monthly
Newsletter

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Dear Extension Friends,

The Baker County 4-H Program has some great camps planned for the kids this summer! We currently have openings for most of our summer day camps and Camp Cherry Lake but they won't last. See page 4 for camp details and sign up today!

Sincerely,

Alicia Lamborn
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Upcoming Programs & Events

- June—July 4-H Summer Camps** — see page 4 for dates and details!
- July 6 Indoor Summer Gardening: Houseplants, Microgreens, & Vermicomposting**, 9:30am to Noon, Baker County Extension Office. Even the most serious gardeners can be driven indoors by the summer heat. But that shouldn't stop you from enjoying your hobby! This class will cover the basics of houseplant care, easy-to-grow edible microgreens and composting with worms (vermiculture). Includes literature, microgreens activity (take-home kit) and starter cup of worms. \$10 per person. Registration available at the Baker County Extension Office or on Eventbrite: <https://indoor-summer-gardening.eventbrite.com>
- July 9 Camp Cherry Lake Counselor Training**, 3:30pm to 7pm, Baker County Extension Office. If you are interested in being a counselor, please contact Ms. Shaina at slbennett@ufl.edu as soon as possible. See page 3 for more details.
- July 9 Camp Cherry Lake Camper Orientation**, 6pm to 7pm, Baker County Extension Office. All campers and a parent are required to attend.

Highlights in Horticulture

By:
Alicia Lamborn,
Horticulture Agent



Get Stoked about Stokes' Aster

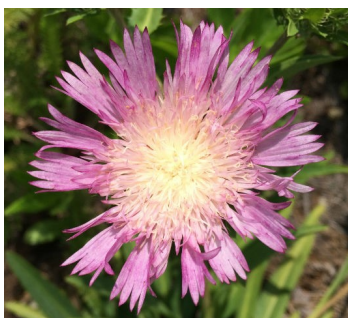
Stokes' aster or Stokesia (*Stokesia laevis*) is a Florida native that is extremely easy to grow. This evergreen perennial makes a wonderful border plant and you will enjoy the daisy-like flowers that stand above the ground-hugging leaves during summer. The flowers provide pollen and nectar for butterflies and bees and when planted in masses, will pack a punch of color to the landscape.

Many cultivars are available with flower colors in various shades of blue, pink, white, and yellow. The 'Color Wheel' cultivar has flowers that change from white to blue to purple as they mature.

Plants grow quickly to 1-2 feet tall and wide and mature plants form clumps which can be divided to yield new plants. Plant in full sun or partial shade, at least 18 to 24 inches apart. Preferring sandy, acidic soil, Stokes' aster is very drought tolerant once established, requiring irrigation only during times of drought. The spent flower heads can be removed as desired.

A general purpose, slow-release fertilizer application in spring should be sufficient for adequate growth through the season. Like most plants, maintaining a 2- to 3- inch layer of organic mulch is beneficial to retain soil moisture and reduce weed competition. Insect and disease problems are rare.

Stokes' aster can be found planted at the Extension Office — both in the courtyard as a bed border and in the butterfly garden. Visitors to the garden are welcome!



Photos by Alicia Lamborn

June Garden Calendar

Annuals & Perennials: Plants that can take full sun during hot summer months include salvia, vinca, beach sunflower, bulbine and pentas. For more information on plants that keep their cool when things heat up, see the 'What To Plant' album at: <https://www.facebook.com/UFIFASBakerCountyGardenSpot/>

Herbs: Heat-loving herbs like basil, Mexican tarragon, and rosemary can be planted this month. For those already planted, pinch back regularly to prevent flowering and enhance branching.

Vegetables: Plant lima beans, southern peas, eggplant, okra, and sweet potato this month. Rotate vegetables so that the same vegetable (or members of the same vegetable family) are not planted repeatedly in the same area.

Vegetable Pests: Monitor for pest problems twice a week by inspecting plants from top to bottom, including the undersides of leaves. Most plants can stand a 10-20% loss of leaves without reducing yields. Do not panic and start spraying at the first sign of damage. Instead, remove insects by hand and destroy. Also watch for early disease symptoms and remove any infected leaves or plants to slow the spread.

Palms and Cycads: Watch for nutrient deficiencies and correct as needed. For more information, see *Physiological Disorders of Landscape Palms*: <http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/ep263>

Lawns: Applying chelated iron instead of nitrogen during summer will give your lawn a deep green color without pushing out extra growth for you to mow.

Fungi: The extra water provided by mother nature recently has slime mold and mushrooms popping up everywhere. If ignored, these will go away on their own without treatment. For those with young children and pets, collecting and disposing of mushrooms is advised to prevent ingestion.

Lucky Clover Chronicle

By:

*Shaina Spann,
4-H Agent*

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all of the donors and buyers who made the 5th 4-H Benefit Auction a success!! Your donations helped raise \$5,100 towards 4-H program scholarships, volunteer screening, and a new 4-H van. I would also like to thank the Fish and Masterson families who made food to help with the dinner, it was delicious! Lastly, thank you to all of the parents, youth, and volunteers who decorated, organized, and worked the auction. Events like these are not possible without the help of volunteers and I am so grateful to all of you! We have raised \$27,624 in 5 years! We have given out over \$6,000 in scholarships to 4-H events, paid for volunteer screenings, and funded Clover Point winners! Hopefully, in the next couple years we can get a bigger 4-H van!

Thank you for all that you do!

T	Advance Auto Parts	Deerly Blessed Boutique	Mosquito Authority	T
	Agnes Kline	Diamond D Ranch	Museum of Science & History	
H	Alex Hill	Elizabeth Drummond	Nancy Masterson	H
	Anita Cain	Finders Keepers	Napa	
A	Badcock Home Furniture & More	First Federal Bank of Macclenny	Osceola Land Title	A
	Baker County Republican Party	Garry Pelfrey/Home Depot	Pelfrey Family	
N	Bed, Bath, & Barks	Gibson McDonald	Pit Stop Convenience Store	N
	Big Boys Sandwich Shop	Glamour & Grace	Publix	
K	Blast! Game Center	Glen Nursery	Renee's Bail Bonds	K
	Bounce Party Rentals	Grandslam Barbershop	Sherwin Williams	
	Baker Prevention Coalition, Inc.	Grimes Company	Sixth Street Vet	
Y	Burger King	Hodges Produce/Randal Hodges	Smokehouse Meat Market	Y
	Burkins Chevrolet	Joe Coyle Plumbing	Southern Diesel & Auto	
O	Calendar's Pizzeria	Kelly Klean/ Sharon Dolby	State Farm Insurance	O
	Clay Griffis	Kenu Turk	Susan Chapman	
U	Classy Gems	Kim Bridges	T & M Found it For Ya	U
	Crooked Rooster Brewery	Laredo's	The Coop	
!	Davis Golf Cart & Small Engine Repair	Madeline Carroll	Tractor Supply	!
	Deb Stevens	Master Gardeners	Wild Adventures	
		Merle Norman Cosmetics		

4-H Activities & Club Meetings

June 4-7: Robotics Camp, FULL
 June 7: Southern Farmers, Celebration Park, Glen, 6pm
June 9: Market Animal Weigh-in, 7am-10am, Fairgrounds
 June 11-14: Kebab Camp, 1 van spot available, more available if parents can drive.
 June 15-17: Intermediate State (ages 11-13), Camp Cherry Lake
June 19: Livestock Club 6-7:30pm
 June 19-22: Invasive Species Camp, 10 spots available
 June 25-29: 4-H Legislature, Tallahassee
July 2-6: Ms. Shaina on vacation!
 July 9: Camp Cherry Lake Counselor Training-3:30 & Orientation-6pm
 July 10-13 Living on My Own Camp, 8 spots available
 July 16-20: Camp Cherry Lake, 20 spots available!
 July 24-27: Copycat Kitchen, 4 spots available
 July 31-Aug 2: 4-H University (14+), 3 spots available
 ** Cloverleaf Cloggers meet every Monday at 7pm in the Auditorium

COUNSELORS NEEDED FOR CAMP CHERRY LAKE—JULY 16-20 Counselor Training: July 9, 3:30-til

- Counselors must be age 14.
- Counselors will receive a reduced camp price and 40 hours of community service.
- Must attend counselor training on July 9th.
- If over 18 years old, must be background checked

If you are interested, please contact Ms. Shaina at:
sibennett@ufl.edu or call 259-3520.

2018 4-H Summer Programs!

Robotics Camp—June 4-7 age 7-9; Cost \$60. 9am-4pm. Bring Lunch. Register by: May 21st. Location: Ag Center. Youth will have the opportunity to build, design, and code their own robots! For youth who have completed 2nd and/or 3rd grade. **THIS CAMP IS FULL!**

Kebab Camp—June 11-14 age 11+; Cost \$60. 9am-4pm. Bring Lunch. 6/14: Lunch provided. Location: Ag Center / Columbia County Extension Office. Come and learn about meat selection, meat cookery, farming, vegetables, grilling and more!

Intermediate State—June 15-17 (Fri-Sun) 4-H Members age 10-13; Cost \$85. Location: Madison, Florida at Camp Cherry Lake. Participate in educational workshops along with FUN SHOPS such as 4-H Tailgate Contest, Graphic Design Competition, the 4-H Insectathon, Public Speaking, and more!

Invasive Species Camp—June 19-22 age 8+; Cost \$60. 9am-4pm. Bring Lunch June 19th-21st. Lunch will be provided on the 22nd. Register by: June 4th. Location: Ag Center. Learn all about Florida's invasive plants and animals! This camp jumps into what species are in our own backyards!

4-H Legislature— June 25-29 ages 13+; Cost:\$230. Location: Tallahassee, Florida at the State Capitol 4-H Members come develop your skills to debate, analyze legislation and speak Publicly.

Living on My Own Camp—July 10-13 age 10+; Cost \$60. 9am-4pm. Bring Lunch. Register by: June 25th. Location: Ag Center. From laundry to car maintenance to meal planning, youth will learn what it takes to be an adult!

Camp Cherry Lake— July 16-20 ages 8-13 & 14+ Counselor. Location: Madison, Florida at Camp Cherry Lake. Must be member as of 04/01. Deadline to register: July 9th. (Early registration due June 11th: Member \$230; Non-Member \$260) (Late registration after June 11th: Member \$250; Non-Member \$280). This week long camp is where kids can have a blast making friends, attending campfires, fishing, swimming, kayaking, and more!

Copycat Kitchen—July 24-27 age 8+; Cost \$60 Each Day 9am-4pm Bring Snack, Lunch is provided Register by: July 9th. Location: Ag Center. This camp takes restaurant meals and turns them into recipes we can make at home & some even healthier!

4-H University—July 31-Aug 2 ages 14+; Cost: \$250. Location: Gainesville, Florida at the University of Florida . Participate in educational workshops led by University of Florida faculty, explore career opportunities, lead community service activities, and more!

- ◆ Register at: <http://florida.4honline.com>
- ◆ All ages are as of 09/01/2017
- ◆ Payment is required to secure registration.
- ◆ Payment plans available upon request.
- ◆ Make checks payable to: University of Florida (Payment can be made at the Baker County Extension Office, 1025 West Macclenny Ave OR on-line at <https://www.Eventbrite.com>)

