



## The Baker Bulletin

A  
Baker County  
Extension  
Service Monthly  
Newsletter

### Baker County Extension Service

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Hours: M—F 8:30am to 5:00pm  
(Closed Noon to 1:00pm for Lunch)

#### County Agents

**Alicia Lamborn**  
Horticulture Agent

**Shaina Spann**  
4-H Youth Development Agent

**(Position Vacant)**  
Agriculture Agent

Dear Extension Friends,

It has been a busy and exciting start to the new year! Stay in touch with everything Extension has to offer by visiting our website, blog, social media pages and our app! Mark your calendars in April for our two biggest events of the year—the Spring Garden Festival and 4-H Benefit Auction. You won't want to miss it!

Sincerely,

Alicia Lamborn  
Interim Director / Horticulture Agent  
UF/IFAS Extension Baker County



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[Baker County Garden Spot](#)  
[Baker County 4-H](#)



Search "Baker County  
4-H" in your app store

### Upcoming Programs & Events

- Mar 10 4-H County Events.** 10am, Baker County Extension Office Auditorium. The time and place for members to showcase what they know! Registration is at [florida.4honline.com](http://florida.4honline.com)
- Mar 12 Starting a Successful Hydroponic Business.** Info & registration [here](#); 386-362-1725.
- April 7 Spring Garden Festival,** 9am—2pm, Baker County Extension Office Arboretum and Gardens (Ag Center). Local vendors will offer a variety of plants, arts and crafts, and more. Kids will have fun with a free gardening activity while parents shop, enjoy gardening exhibits, and stroll through the public gardens on site. The event is free and open to the public. Vendors welcome. For more information, call (904) 259-3520.
- April 28 Annual Public 4-H Auction.** Entry fee: \$5 a person, Baker County Extension Office Auditorium. Doors Open: 4:30pm Dinner: 5:00pm Live Auction: 5:30pm. Come out and support 4-H's annual fundraiser! Entry fee includes fried chicken dinner!

# Highlights in Horticulture

By:  
*Alicia Lamborn,*  
*Horticulture Agent*

## Sneak Peak

### Master Gardener Plant Sale @ Spring Garden Festival



#### **Baby Sunrose**

Succulent-like groundcover — 6" tall — Full sun — Red, aster-like flowers  
Also great in containers & hanging baskets — Flowers on & off all year

#### **Lantana 'Miss Huff'**

Pollinator-friendly perennial — 4-6' tall and wide — Full sun  
Flowers change from orange to pink spring to frost — Sterile variety



#### **Sweetspire 'Henry's Garnet'**

Flowering shrub — 3-4' tall, 4-6' wide — Partial shade or sun — White  
flower clusters May-June last for weeks — Red fall color — Thrives in moist  
soils, but adapts to dry conditions; prune after flowering



#### **Obedient Plant**

Pink to pale lilac tubular flowers are snapdragon-like — Partial sun/shade —  
Native Florida perennial — 3-4' tall — Flower spikes bloom in summer



#### **Autumn Sage (Red & Pink)**

Pollinator-friendly perennial — A dependable butterfly/bee magnet  
Red or pink flowers — Long blooming season — Drought tolerant  
Beautiful when mass planted — Mounding shrub — 3' tall and wide



#### **Pineapple Guava**

Flowering shrub or small tree — Evergreen — 15' tall & wide —  
Full sun to partial shade — Edible flowers & fruit — Flowers in spring,  
fruit ripens Aug-Oct — Needs cross-pollination



#### **Pentas 'Starburst'**

Tropical perennial — Attracts hummingbirds & pollinators — 2-3' tall & wide  
Pink & white flowers bloom spring through fall — Full sun or light shade



# Lucky Clover Chronicle

By:

Shaina Spann,  
4-H Agent

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**County Events will be March 10th, 2018 at 10:00am.**

**Location: Ag Center Auditorium. Register at [florida.4honline.com](http://florida.4honline.com) by March 7th!**

## **Annual 4-H Auction**

April 28, 2018

Entry fee: \$5 a person

Doors Open: 4:30pm

Dinner: 5:00pm

Live Auction: 5:30pm

Extension Office Auditorium



**Big Hats  
&  
Bow Ties**

We need donations! Please contact the 4-H office to sign up for a business to contact about an item for the auction. The annual auction helps to provide funding for scholarships, volunteer screening, and a van to transport youth. If you know of a business that would like to donate, please send them our way!

Going with the Kentucky Derby, our theme is *Big Hats & Bow Ties!*



The Criminal Justice Academy is having a collection drive for items for the Sheriff's Office Victim Advocacy Program. They help when people's houses burn down, when there's an abusive situation, etc.

**We are collecting diapers, wipes, children's clothing, blankets, stuffed animals, toiletries, backpacks, and more for the month of March!**

**Drop off items at the Extension Office!**

We no longer have individual club Facebook pages. In an effort to streamline communication, all clubs will now be hosted on the main Baker County 4-H Page.

Please like us on Facebook!

<http://facebook.com/bakerco4h>

**Download our App!**



Search Baker County 4-H on your device!

### **4-H Activities & Club Meetings**

Mar 5- Criminal Justice Academy 6:30pm @ BCSO  
Cloverleaf Cloggers 7:00pm @ Ag Center Auditorium  
Mar 10- County Events, 10:00am, Location: Auditorium  
Mar 12- Criminal Justice Academy 6:30pm @ BCSO  
Cloverleaf Cloggers 7:00pm @ Ag Center Auditorium  
Mar 15- Baker Ropers Horse Club 6:30pm @ 4-H Classroom  
Mar 19- Criminal Justice Academy 6:30pm @ BCSO  
Cloverleaf Cloggers 7:00pm @ Ag Center Auditorium  
Mar 22- District Council 6:00pm, Bee Hotels!  
Mar 26- Criminal Justice Academy 6:30pm @ BCSO  
Cloverleaf Cloggers 7:00pm @ Ag Center Auditorium

Mar 27- Livestock Club 6:00pm @ Ag Center Auditorium  
Apr 7- Spring Garden Festival @ Ag Center 9am-2pm  
Apr 9- Cloverleaf Cloggers 7:00pm @ Ag Center Auditorium  
Apr 7-13- Mrs. Shaina at National 4-H Conference  
Apr 13- **AUCTION ITEMS DUE**  
Apr 16- Cloverleaf Cloggers 7:00pm @ Ag Center Auditorium  
Apr 19- District Events, Union Co High School  
Apr 19- Baker Ropers Horse Club 6:30pm @ 4-H Classroom  
Apr 23- Cloverleaf Cloggers 7:00pm @ Ag Center Auditorium  
Apr 28- 4-H Auction!  
Apr 30- Cloverleaf Cloggers 7:00pm @ Ag Center Auditorium

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10th annual

# Spring Garden Festival

Held in the Arboretum & Gardens  
1025 W. Macclenny Avenue, Macclenny FL

**Saturday, April 7, 2018**  
**9 am - 2 pm**

plant  
SALE

KIDS  
Activities

gardening  
EXHIBITS

FREE  
ENTRY

Florida-Friendly  
Landscaping  
**ADVICE**

LOCAL  
VENDORS

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