

Staff Spotlight on:

Scott Jackson, Cooperative Extension Director

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Scott Jackson has been the Wakulla County Cooperative Extension Director since August 2007. County Extension is a part of Citizen Services and provided to Wakulla County through a partnership of the Board of County Commissioners, University of Florida-IFAS, Florida A & M University, USDA, and NOAA. Extending science based research to improve our farms, lawns and gardens, fisheries, consumer choices, nutrition, and youth (4-H), is the core mission of this department. As County Extension Director (CED), Scott is responsible for marketing, budgeting, supervision, Coordination, and leadership of the total Wakulla County Extension Program.

As an Extension Agent, Scott provides issue based educational programs through workshops, conferences, publications, and electronic media. His education programs are constructed to address the impacts of coastal hazards on area communities, local agriculture, and marine industries; foster and support the creation of sustainable communities, fisheries, and agriculture practices; and provide environmental education for adult and youth / 4H audiences.

Mr. Jackson holds a Master of Science degree in Marine Aquaculture from Texas A & M University – Corpus Christi and a Bachelor of Science degree in Wildlife and Fisheries from Texas A & M University in College Station, Texas. Previous to working as Wakulla CED, Scott was the Florida Sea Grant Extension Agent for Okaloosa and Walton Counties for 7 years. He also served the General Manager for Gold Kist Aquaculture in Inverness, Mississippi. He has experience as a fisheries technician for Mississippi State University working with fish nutrition research and with Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in marine fisheries stock enhancement program growing red drum and spotted seatrout. Surf and wade fishing is one his favorite past-times when provided the opportunity.

Scott's family includes his wife Angela, daughter, Brenna (14) and son, Zach (17). Their pet family members include: two cats (Chica & Nellie) and a pack of three dogs (Aggie, Daisy, and Niko); all are adopted rescue animals either as strays or from shelters and rescue organizations. Community Volunteer service is also more than a passing interest as Scott served as president of VolunteerWAKULLA from 2008 – 2009. He also is an active member of Wakulla Springs Baptist Church and enjoys working with the Hope Garden Ministry which provides fresh nutritious food to local food pantries. In Scott's spare time he enjoys snorkeling and scalloping.