

Michelle Cox enjoys being part of the plan for WH

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When Michelle McDuffie met her future husband, Jason Cox, she was careful about jumping into a relationship.

After all, she is a cautious girl and is not what you'd call impulsive. She makes a plan. Making good solid decisions has worked out very well for her and so did her decision to marry Jason in 2000.

Always living just inside the boundaries of Whitehouse ISD worked out well for Michelle growing up in school. She went all the way through WISD schools and graduated from Whitehouse High in 1995.

There was never any doubt about where the couple would

live and where their children would go to school. It was Whitehouse from the start.

The couple found a place in Whitehouse right away and soon the pitter-patter of little feet could be heard throughout the house. Wyatt was born in 2001 and he is the joy of their life.

"I loved going to school here and really believe it is the best school district around," Cox said. "It was a very easy decision to make when it came to where we would raise our family."

Along with the schools Cox is sold on what makes Whitehouse special and she has found her place in that. It is the community and how it pulls together for one another.



Austin Bank's Michelle Cox is involved with the Whitehouse Women's Civic League and the Relay For Life.

"One of my dearest friends from high school, Amanda Barfield, got me started in the Whitehouse Women's Civic League," Cox said. "She just showed up to pick me up and didn't give me a choice. And I'm so glad she did."

Cox truly enjoys giving back to the community through the WWCL like caring for needy families and offering the children the fun of an Easter egg hunt at the city park.

Cox said that this year, WWCL is helping one specific family throughout the entire year. They started by buying all of the children new clothes to start school in as well as their school supplies.

Relay for Life, which was held last weekend, has also be-

come a cause that Cox is involved in. She said she got started with the event that raises money for cancer research and support last year as a part of the Austin Bank team.

"The more I got involved the more I could see that almost everyone knows someone who is affected by cancer," Cox said. "We were very pleased with the turnout this weekend. It was great, but I'm never staying up that late again!"

But of course she will. Cox said her part this year was to recruit teams for the overnight walk. She also helped with the survivors' dinner that took place just prior to the start of the walk.

Cox has been with Austin

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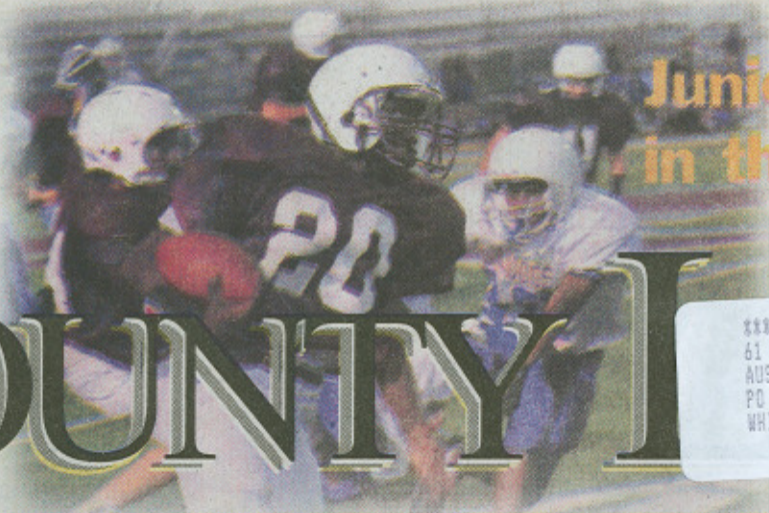
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Bank in Whitehouse for two years. She is currently the customer service representative there and loves her job.

"I really love everyone here and truly enjoy working with the public and getting to know everyone," Cox said. "That's one of those other things I really like about living in Whitehouse. I like that my son will grow up knowing his neighbors and friends at school and knowing people throughout the community."

Michelle Cox plans to live in Whitehouse a really long time and she invites you to become a part of the plan that continues to make Whitehouse a great place to live.

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