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A new blueprint for action

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The **LIFE study** -- that stands for Leading Indicators for Excellence -- provides an insightful view on life in the Fox Cities.

Combining a variety of statistics with the opinions, perspectives and outlooks of Fox Cities residents, the 2006 study shows where we've come since the last study, in 2001, and where we're headed.

The good news is that, in many measures and in many opinions, the quality of life here is very good. Compared with other areas of the nation and, in some instances, compared with other areas of Wisconsin, the Fox Cities rates highly in categories such as low crime, education and cost of living.

The bad news ... well, yes, there's some of that, too. But it's best to acknowledge the bad news and then take it a step forward and look at it as an opportunity to improve our way of life.

The **LIFE study** provides several challenges to the Fox Cities. Among them:

- * The need to better include diverse residents in the community, especially as community leaders. That will become even more important as the makeup of the Fox Cities gets more diverse.
- * Developing our economy to provide better-paying jobs as it moves away from the manufacturing sector that provides many of those jobs.
- * Helping a growing low-income population become or remain self-sufficient. Health care, childcare, rental housing and governmental services all are becoming more difficult to obtain.
- * Meeting the needs of our senior citizens and the disabled, whose support is increasingly threatened because of financial cutbacks.
- * Better treating mental illness and substance abuse.
- * Meeting the growing need for adult education and job training.
- * Better land use planning.

In the midst of those challenges, however, there's more good news. Because of the issues raised in the 2001 study, improvements have been made in many of those areas.

The Tri-County Community Dental Clinic, the New North economic development initiative, the Fox Cities Rotary Multicultural Center and the expansion of the Fox Cities Community Health Center are examples of needs in the Fox Cities that are being addressed.

We can make the same kinds of strides in the years ahead on the challenges presented in this study.

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One of the area's strengths identified by the study is that leaders across different sectors are proactive and confront challenges. These results provide a blueprint to act -- for them and for all of us.

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