

## River Cities Chronicle

Foxview Manor (Omro) & Riverside Apartments (Winneconne)

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Riverside: Monday,

December 17th At 1:00pm

Foxview: Thursday, December 20th at 1:00pm

Menu: Chicken & ham with all the fixings! Let's not forget the Holiday cookies & egg nog

**Door Prizes!** 

Food will be catered in by Uptown Catering

Come enjoy food, fellowship and good-old fashion holiday

fun!!



Sign up by Thursday December 13th!





### Debunking the Myths of Older Adult and Falls

Many people think falls are a normal part of aging. The truth is, they're not. Most <u>falls can be prevented</u>—and you have the power to reduce your risk. To promote greater awareness and understanding here are 10 common myths—and the reality—about older adult falls:

Myth 1: Falling happens to other people, not to me.

Reality: Many people think, "It won't happen to me." But the truth is that 1 in 4 older adults fall every year in the U.S.

Myth 2: Falling is something normal that happens as you get older.

**Reality:** Falling is not a normal part of aging. Strength and balance exercises, managing your medications, having your vision checked and making your living environment safer are all steps you can take to prevent a fall.

Myth 3: If I limit my activity, I won't fall.

**Reality:** Some people believe that the best way to prevent falls is to stay at home and limit activity. Not true. Performing physical activities will actually help you stay independent. Social activities are also good for your overall health.

Myth 4: As long as I stay at home, I can avoid falling.

**Reality:** Over half of all falls take place at home. Inspect your home for fall risks. Fix simple but serious hazards such as clutter, throw rugs, and poor lighting.

Myth 5: Muscle strength and flexibility can't be regained.

**Reality:** While we do lose muscle as we age, exercise can partially restore strength and flexibility. It's never too late to start an <u>exercise program</u>. Even if you've been a "couch potato" your whole life, becoming active now will benefit you in many ways—including protection from falls.

Myth 6: Taking medication doesn't increase my risk of falling.

**Reality:** Taking any medication may increase your risk of falling. Medications affect people in many different ways and can sometimes make you dizzy or sleepy. Be careful when starting a new medication. Talk to your health care provider about potential side effects or interactions of your medications.

Myth 7: I don't need to get my vision checked every year.

**Reality:** Vision is another key risk factor for falls. Aging is associated with some forms of vision loss that increase risk of falling and injury. People with vision problems are more than twice as likely to fall as those without visual impairment. Have your eyes checked at least once a year and update your eyeglasses.

Myth 8: Using a walker or cane will make me more dependent.

**Reality:** Walking aids are very important in helping many older adults maintain or improve their mobility. However, make sure you use these devices safely. Have a physical therapist fit the walker or cane to you and instruct you in its safe use.

Myth 9: I don't need to talk to family members or my health care provider if I'm concerned about my risk of falling. I don't want to alarm them, and I want to keep my independence.

**Reality:** Fall prevention is a team effort. Bring it up with your doctor, family, and anyone else who is in a position to help. They want to help you maintain your mobility and reduce your risk of falling.

Myth 10: I don't need to talk to my parent, spouse, or other older adult if I'm concerned about their risk of falling. It will hurt their feelings, and it's none of my business.

**Reality:** Let them know about your concerns and offer support to help them maintain the highest degree of independence possible. There are many things you can do, including removing hazards in the home, finding a <u>fall prevention program</u> in the community, or setting up a vision exam.

Information from the National Council on Aging - www.ncoa.org

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#### Oshkosh / Winnebago County **Housing Authority**

#### Open Office Hours:

#### Foxview Manor

Oshkosh/Winnebago County Housing Authority

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Erin: by ap-	Erin:	Wendy:	Erin:	No office
pointment only	9:00am — 11:30am	8am—noon	9:00am — 11:30am	hours

www.ohawcha.org

#### Riverside Apartments

Foxview Manor	<u>Riverside Apartments</u>
330 W. Main St.	101 N. Second St.
Omro, WI 54963	Winneconne, WI 54986
(T) (920) 685-6322	(T) (920) 582-7656
(F) (920) 859-0223	(F) (920) 706-0066

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pointment only	1:30pm — 3:30pm	12:30pm— 4:30pm	1:30pm — 3:30pm	hours



### **Holiday Word Search Challenge**



Solve each clue to reveal the holiday-related words to find in the puzzle going across, down, and diagonal.

1.	December 25th holiday:
2.	Jolly man in red suit:
<b>3</b> .	Hung by the chimney:
4.	December holiday celebrating African-
	American heritage:
<b>5</b> .	Family customs passed down to next
	generation:
6.	Kwanzaa candle holder:
7.	Hung on a door at Christmas:
8.	Jewish Festival of Lights:
9.	Special Jewish candelabra:
10.	Red and white striped Christmas sweet:
11.	A wax light that is used as a ceremonial
	symbol of many holidays:
12.	Number of days of Hanukkah:
13.	Santa's vehicle:
14.	Kwanzaa feast:
15.	Gifts given on the last day of
	Kwanzaa:
16.	Christmas songs:
<b>17</b> .	Potato pancakes:
18.	They pull Santa's sleigh:

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**Bonus: Find 5 more holiday words hidden** in the word search grid



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# Activity Calendar *for*Riverside Apartments



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat 1
<b>2</b> Start of Hanukkah	<b>3</b> National Disability Day	4	5	6	<b>7</b> Pearl Harbor Day Remembrance	8
11am—5pm Community room reserved	5.0,	12:30pm Pokeno	6:30pm Bible Study	Bug Day (Apt # 109, 209, 309)		
for private function				12:30pm Polish Poker	3:00pm Bingo	
9	10 Hanukkah ends	11	12	13	14	15
	1:00pm Fire Alarm Testing	Nelda Niemuth's birthday	6:30pm Bible Study	12:30pm Polish Poker	8:00am Coffee Hour	
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23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day	<b>26</b> Kwanzaa starts 6:30pm Bible	27	28	29
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9	10 Hanukkah ends	Beautician will be @ FV  1:00pm Fire Alarm Testing	3:00pm Bingo & b-day party to follow	13 6:00pm Game Night	14	15	
16	17	18 3:00pm WCHA Board meeting @ Marian Man-	19	Piggly Wiggly Delivery 1:00pm Holiday Party	21 Winter Solstice—shortest day of the year	22	
23	24 Christmas Eve  OFFICE  CLOSED	25 Christmas Day  OFFICE CLOSED	26 Kwanzaa starts Monica Reitz's birthday	6:00pm Game Night	Jacqualine Lucas's birthday	29	
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