

Happy birthday to Anna Kubita, the first centenarian at Riverside at Belfair

Anna Kubita, 100, center, laughs after finally getting the last candle blown out on her birthday cake Wednesday in the dining room of Riverside at Belfair. She is surrounded by two of her five great-grandchildren — Tyler Friedrich, 9, and Madison Friedrich, 12 — and her daughter Barbara Friedrich. Kubita attributes her long life to eating only the food prescribed by her dietitian and keeping busy. The first centenarian at the 4-year-old retirement community, Kubita is known as “Speedy” in part because she always is the first one to search for places, according to director Sean Doran. He says she encourages the other residents to get to the classic. “She would like to run the place,” joked Doran.



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