



# The Around Town Paper

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## Tumbler Ridge Community Mourns and Rallies Together



Our hearts are with the close-knit community of Tumbler Ridge, British Columbia, as it continues to grapple with the impact of the tragic events that unfolded on Feb 10, 2026. In a town of roughly 2,500 residents tucked into the foothills of the Rockies, the shock and sorrow have been palpable, touching families, friends, neighbours and communities across the province and the country.

Amid the grief, stories of courage and unity have also emerged, from first responders who rushed toward danger to community members offering whatever support they can. Mental health professionals and local volunteers have come together to ensure families and students have the space and care they need to begin healing.

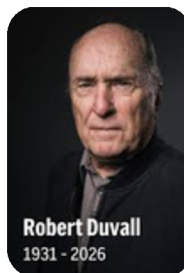
For those wishing to help ease the burden on affected families, there are verified GoFundMe fundraisers established to support medical costs, memorial needs and recovery for survivors and families alike. You can explore and donate to these efforts here: [Support Tumbler Ridge Families on GoFundMe](#). (Please note: this link leads to a page listing multiple community fundraisers.)

In times like these, even the smallest gestures — a shared meal, a donation, a moment of silence, remind us that compassion still binds us together.

Our thoughts remain with Tumbler Ridge as the community navigates this period of grief and begins its journey toward healing.

Robert Duvall - an American actor and filmmaker with a career spanning seven decades, he is regarded as one of the greatest actors of all time.

He received an Academy Award, a BAFTA Award, four Golden Globe Awards, two Primetime Emmy Awards, and a Screen Actors Guild Award.

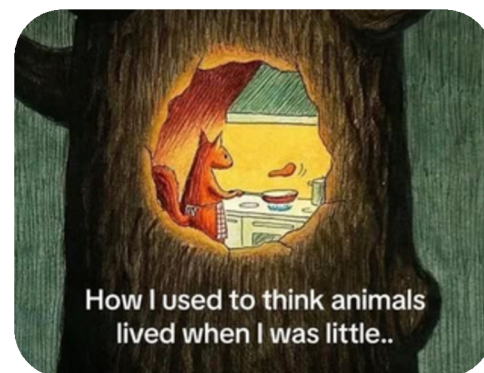


**Registered charities and not-for-profit groups:** the deadline for grant applications to Coldwell Lundar Community Foundation is 4:30pm, February 28th, 2026.

Applications are available on the website at [www.clcf.ca](http://www.clcf.ca), are auto-fillable and can be e-mailed to [clcfnd@gmail.com](mailto:clcfnd@gmail.com).

Printed copies are also available for pick-up and drop off at the Pauline Johnson Library in Lundar.

Any questions or if you need help with filling out the application, please e-mail the above or call 204-762-5727.



**What gets smaller every time it takes a bath?**

Answer: a bar of soap



I used to think communication was the key until I realized comprehension is. You can communicate all you want with someone but if they don't understand you, its silent chaos.

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### ♈ ARIES (March 21 – April 19)

You are not behind — you are building momentum quietly. This week, focus on finishing something instead of starting five new things.

### ♉ TAURUS (April 20 – May 20)

Someone is testing your patience, and you're handling it better than you think. Stay steady. Your calm will outlast their chaos.

### ♊ GEMINI (May 21 – June 20)

You've got thoughts swirling like Manitoba wind. Pick one idea and run with it. Clarity comes through action, not overthinking.

### ♋ CANCER (June 21 – July 22)

Protect your energy like it's your last Timbit. Not everyone deserves access to your soft heart. Boundaries are love too.

♌ **LEO (July 23 – Aug 22)** This week, recognize yourself first. Confidence doesn't wait for applause.

### ♍ VIRGO (Aug 23 – Sept 22)

Some things are meant to unfold without your spreadsheet. Let life surprise you a little.

### ♎ LIBRA (Sept 23 – Oct 22)

A decision you've been avoiding needs a gentle nudge. Trust your first instinct, it was right before you complicated it.

### ♏ SCORPIO (Oct 23 – Nov 21)

Intensity is your superpower, but not everything requires full throttle. Choose where to pour your fire wisely.

### ♐ SAGITTARIUS (Nov 22 – Dec 21)

Adventure doesn't have to mean travel. Say yes to something new — even if it's just a different perspective.

### ♑ CAPRICORN (Dec 22 – Jan 19)

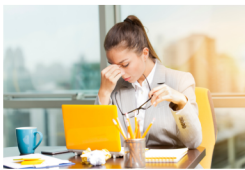
You're carrying more than you need to. Delegate, delete, or delay. You don't win prizes for exhaustion.

### ♒ AQUARIUS (Jan 20 – Feb 18)

Your weird idea? It's actually brilliant. Share it. The right people are listening now.

### ♓ PISCES (February 19 – March 20)

Don't drown intuition out with noise. Quiet moments will guide you better than opinions.



**Editing Your Life** - Our lives are like an in-process movie script that we have complete creative control over. We have the power to examine what is or isn't working in our lives and make edits to our life's script accordingly. Choosing to actively edit your life can be incredibly empowering. As you evolve, you have the

choice to accept the script you've written thus far, or you can edit it to create a life that fulfills you. Acknowledging that you are responsible for the experience you create gives you the ability to make the life you've always longed for.

Granted, editing your real life isn't always as easy as deleting a line of text. If you've carried emotional baggage or held on to an unhealthy relationship for a long time, these may be difficult to edit out. But when you eliminate what isn't working from your life, you'll feel lighter and more alive. Editing out activities that you find stressful, disassociating yourself from people who drain your energy, and letting go of your emotional baggage are all beneficial cuts you can make.

To begin editing your life, simply think about your positive and negative experiences. When you determine what parts of your life are no longer serving you, make the commitment to remove them. It is important to remember that there is no proper timing or way to do this, and patience and compassion for yourself are always important during this process. Then, ask yourself what has brought you profound bliss, and consider how you can make those experiences and beliefs part of your life now. With a little editing, you'll be able to clear out what isn't working in your life and make room for more happiness, love, and wisdom.

## Sudoku Game



Fill each box with a number between 1 and 9 in a manner that the same number does not appear twice in any specific row or column.



	2		8			3		
5		7	4		3			6
4				1				
					2			5
						7	6	1
						8		
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	4		9	3	1	2		
	7	1	6	8	4		3	9



# 🧄 Garlic Herb Honey Dijon Pork Tenderloin

Juicy. Flavorful. Foolproof.

## 🛒 Ingredients

- 2 pork tenderloins
- 3 tbsp olive oil
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 tbsp Dijon mustard
- 2 tbsp honey
- 1 tbsp soy sauce
- 1 tsp dried thyme
- 1 tsp dried rosemary
- 1 tsp paprika
- Salt & pepper to taste
- Optional: splash of chicken broth

## 👩🍳 Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 400°F (200°C).
  2. Mix the glaze: In a small bowl combine olive oil, garlic, Dijon, honey, soy sauce, thyme, rosemary, paprika, salt and pepper.
  3. Sear first (this is the secret). Heat an oven-safe skillet over medium-high. Sear pork on all sides (about 2-3 minutes per side) until golden brown.
  4. Coat & roast. Brush generously with the glaze. Pour the rest over top. Add a small splash of broth to the pan if you want extra juices.
- Put skillet in oven and roast 15ish mins, or until internal temp hits 145°F.
5. REST. This is important. Let it rest 5-10 minutes before slicing. Keeps it juicy.

You meet saints everywhere.  
They can be anywhere. They  
are people behaving decently  
in an indecent society.  
- Kurt Vonnegut

**BASED ON MY  
WARDROBE, MY  
FAVORITE COLOR  
IS PET HAIR**



**What is red and  
smells like blue  
paint?**

Answer: red paint

The more of me you  
take, the more you leave  
behind. What am I?  
*Answer: footsteps*

**NAME THAT TUNE**  
You do something to me that I  
can't explain. Hold me closer  
and I feel no pain....



I've been thinking a lot  
about love lately; the  
slow, seasoned, lived-in  
kind that stretches across  
years. The kind that  
grows quietly in kitchens  
and hospital rooms and  
inside jokes no one else understands.

Love over the years changes shape. It  
softens and deepens. It becomes less  
about grand gestures and more about  
shared glances across a room. It's  
knowing how they take their coffee and  
the rhythm of footsteps in the hallway.

Then one day, the energy shifts.  
When you lose someone you've loved  
for years, it isn't just the person who's  
gone. It's the atmosphere. The room  
feels different. The air feels heavier.  
Even silence feels louder. You realize  
how much of your world was built  
around their presence; their laugh  
filling space, their habits shaping the  
day and their very breathing anchoring  
the room.

You learn how to do the small tasks  
they always handled. You learn how to  
watch your favourite show without  
their commentary and you learn how to  
carry memories without collapsing  
under them. It can be hard.

It's hard because love doesn't stop just  
because someone leaves this world. The  
love is still there, just with nowhere  
physical to go. It echoes while it  
rearranges you.

Over the years, love teaches you how to  
share a life. Losing that love teaches  
you how to carry one alone.

The years you had don't disappear.  
They live in the way you speak, the way  
you cook and the phrases you still say  
out loud because they would have  
laughed. The strength you didn't know  
you had until you needed it.

Love changes over the years and so do  
we. Some days the room feels empty  
and other days it feels full of ghosts in  
the gentlest forms. Either way, the love  
remains and that's both the hardest and  
most beautiful part. — Ruby

Have you got something to ask Ruby?  
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\*\*All names changed for posting in  
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# Weather Phenomena



## Word list:

BLIZZARD	FROST	OVERCAST	STORM
CLOUD	GUST	PRESSURE	STRATUS
DEWPOINT	HAIL	RAIN	THUNDER
DROUGHT	HEATWAVE	RAINBOW	TORNADO
ECLIPSE	HURRICANE	SLEET	TYPHOON
FLOOD	LIGHTNING	SNOWFLAKE	WILDFIRE
FOG	MIST	SNOWSTORM	WIND

