LOOKING BACK

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SILVER BAY ASSOCIATION

The Silver Bay Association has now become a year-round resident. Heretofore, the offices and staff of the Association moved to Glens Falls at the end of the summer season where they remained until spring. Now, the Glens Falls office has closed and the Silver Bay office will be open year-round.

Conferences this year have been booked through early November. Plans are being formulated for a winter program for the latter part of the winter season. Conferences will begin again in the spring.

UPDATE 50 YEARS LATER

Located in Silver Bay, a hamlet in Hague, the Silver Bay YMCA remains committed to the mission of the 123-year-old Silver Bay Conference and Retreat Center. In addition to conference services and campus programs, it now provides year-round services for regional youth, adults, and seniors.

The property's history goes back to around 1800, when Jabez Patchin is thought to have built the first structure, a one-room cottage.

In 1902, Silas Paine sold the land at half its value to the Incorporated Silver Bay Association for Christian Conferences and Training.

By 1910, the Lakeshore Trail and Council Ring were the sites of the first Scout Masters' Training School, which led to the founding of what is today Scouting America.

Today, in addition to its year-round programming for youth and families, Silver Bay YMCA operates the Ticonderoga Community Early Learning Center at 64 Amherst Avenue, Ticonderoga, offering curriculum-based care for infants through preschoolers.

Silver Bay also partners with the town of Ticonderoga to host a Teen Center, a donor-funded program for grades 7 through 12 that is free to all participants.

A free Community Wellness Membership is available exclusively to residents of Hague, Bolton, Ticonderoga, Crown Point, and Putnam.

An on-site restaurant, with a set menu and weekly specials, is open to community members on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.

For more information, visit www.silverbay.org.

HANNAFORD SELECTS LGA AS OCTOBER BENEFICIARY

The Lake George Association (LGA) has been selected as the nonprofit partner for October in Hannaford's Community Bag Program. This means that, during the entire month of October 2025, the LGA will receive $1 for each $2.50 reusable community bag that is purchased at the Hannaford store at 190 Quaker Road in Queensbury.

UPCOMING PLANETARIUM PROGRAM

The community is invited to Ticonderoga High School's planetarium presentation, *The Fall Sky Now and 250 Years Ago*, on **Saturday, October 18, 2025, at 10 am.**

Joe Defayette, the earth science teacher at Ticonderoga Jr./Sr. High School, will highlight celestial events visible over the Adirondacks this fall through December 21, 2025.

In recognition of America's 250th year, he will also connect the night sky to key moments from 1775, including how similar celestial events would have appeared from Fort Ticonderoga during the Revolutionary War.

The program includes sky-chart handouts and a schedule of special viewing opportunities.

The school is located at 5 Calkins Place in Ticonderoga.

Space is limited. To register, email lindafuscophd@gmail.com.

BAK'D GRAND OPENING

Bak'd, a new co-op bakery in downtown Ticonderoga, will celebrate its official opening with a ribbon cutting on **October 8, 2025 at 4 pm.**

Owners Melissa Sharrow and Tonya Hargett will operate Bak'd as a cooperative space that also features baked goods from several local bakers.

Bak'd will offer a range of made-from-scratch items including scones, turnovers, cinnamon rolls, cakes, cookies, pies, cheesecakes, and bread. Customers may also place special orders.

In addition to its regular offerings, the bakery plans to host occasional community gatherings such as cookie decorating nights, paint and sip sessions, and book clubs.

The bakery is located at 43 Montcalm Street. For details, visit www.ticonderogany.com.

MASON STAR DINNER

A roast turkey breast dinner, sponsored jointly by the members of Mount Defiance Lodge No. 794, F. & A.M., and Fort Ticonderoga Chapter No. 263, Order of the Eastern Star, will be open to the public on **Monday, October 27, 2025, from 4:30 to 6 pm** at the Ticonderoga Masonic Temple, 10 Montcalm Street, Ticonderoga (across from the Stone House). Take-outs will be available. Tickets are $15 for adults and $10 for children 12 years old and under and will be available at the door. Parking will be along Montcalm Street and in the Hancock House parking lot.