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NYS OKs North Creek plan for NY Ski Museum

By David Cederstrom
Chronicle Staff Writer

The group seeking to create the New York Museum of Skiing and Ski Hall of Fame in North Creek has been granted a five-year "provisional charter" by the New York State Board of Regents.

"This is a big step," Dr. Dan O'Keeffe of Glens Falls told *The Chronicle*.

"Now we can really start to get things going."

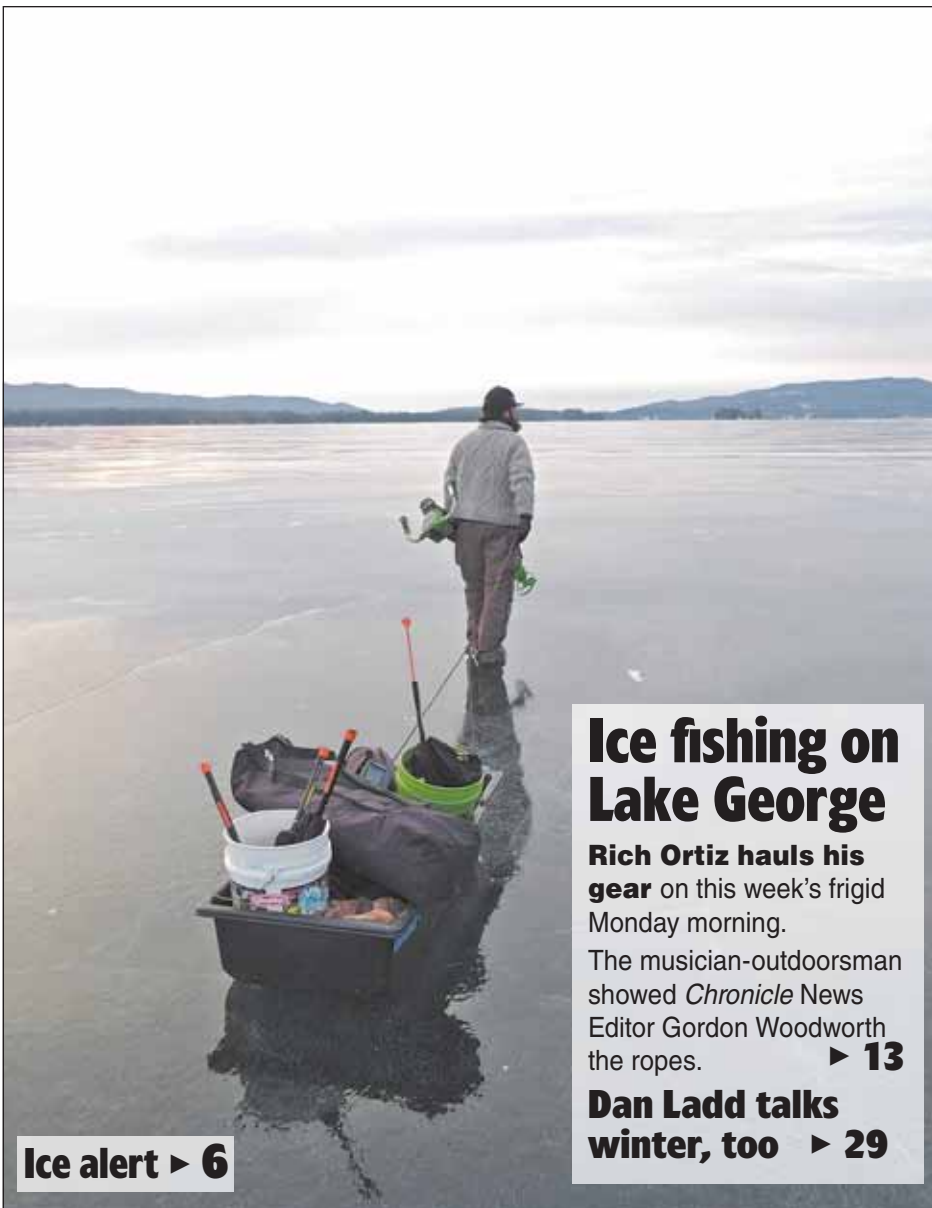
But Robert Nettle, the group's interim chair, cautioned that "we're very much in the beginning stages" and it could potentially take as long as 10 or 20 years before the museum opens.

Mr. Nettle said that, with the charter, "we have something that gives our organization some credibility" allowing them to ap-

'Big step' but a long way to go to achieve it

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Ice fishing on Lake George

Rich Ortiz hauls his gear on this week's frigid Monday morning.

The musician-outdoorsman showed *Chronicle* News Editor Gordon Woodworth the ropes. **> 13**

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Hockey future: AHL out ECHL in for GF

By Gordon Woodworth
Chronicle News Editor

As expected, the Calgary Flames will move their American Hockey League team from Glens Falls to Stockton, California, and will replace it at the Civic Center with an ECHL team they are now buying.

The AHL will announce its new five-team western pod in a press

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Calgary will keep a team here at next lower level



Geared to gut the GAP

A throng turned out last Thursday in Saratoga as area school districts and their supporters organize to press the governor and legislature to end the "Gap" reduction in state school aid. **> 9**



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