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Downtown in the Village of Le Roy. The village government was close to being dissolved by consolidation with the towns in 2026, however the vote failed.

Brothers in arms

Hockey brothers focused on making a difference as ROTC-commissioned U.S. Army officers

By Jennifer Gunn

Sundays in Flag Day, it was on July 14, 1777, that the Second Continental Congress passed a resolution that "Resolved that the flag of the United States be of thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field representing a new constellation."

In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson established June 14 as Flag Day, and Americans have celebrated Flag Day ever since. Fast forward to this year, to Le Roy, folks are encouraged to fly the flag as it leaves as the "Betsy Ross Flag" in commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the Battle of Bennington. Flag is a 13-star flag in the circle of white stars in the blue canton. The flag, originally 50 Betsy Ross flags were ordered through the Le Roy American Legion Post and flown throughout the town.

At the end of April this year a ceremony was held at the Village Hall and begun hoisting a 13-star flag that will lead off this year's Onida Festival parade on July 18. The pattern of the flag, with the "Betsy Ross" pattern because the stars are arranged to look like a star from a distance.

A photograph of an old 13-star flag was the inspiration for the Betsy Ross flag. Some of the flag now call them "Bennington Flags" in honor of the Battle of Bennington. The first meeting at the Le Roy Village Hall was Jim Hoachuca and Linda Kintner who has

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Consolidation

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relationship has been so good, we thought it was time to do it. It was enough incentive, enough reason to do it, and we felt that the towns in the village would be us. So, we've gone through a financial analysis.

Why consolidation was also shot down

While Bishop wasn't told the exact reasons why residents were not in favor of the vote, he said he is clear on a few usual concerns he has seen, such as residents being in the voice in local government.

"People are concerned about their voice, their ability to be in the decision-making," said Bishop said. "Or the village's, if you want to talk to the mayor or your councilman, you can. I think people competing for their ear. If you're in the town, you're one of 8,000. Your voice and your one gets lost in the shuffle.

Another big concern centered around the fate of services that were provided by the village of Le Roy, not your those in the village, said.

"I'm this scenario, I relate to what's ten hundred wide people and a town resident's tax burden is going to be, I'm sorry, I'm going to benefit from the police, fire, and EMS services. I'm not

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From left, Michael Woodward, Jim Hoachuca, Linda Kintner, Matthew Hockey stand together following Michael's graduation from Hoachuca's Bennington Flag Post.

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