

# Cattle Rustling

by Lynne Belluscio

Just in case you wondered where the LeRoy cow went, she's found a wonderful home on the porch of the Jell-O Gallery.

Back in the spring I had a call from the Town saying that they were looking for a new home for the cow. They didn't want to have her in the front window of the Town Hall anymore. And we were more than happy to take her. She is a big hit with all our visitors and everyone wants to have their picture taken with her. We had a group of actors from GEVA Theater in Rochester and they all had to pose with her. We put her up on wheels and each night she gets "moved" inside. We're not sure where she'll go this winter, but right now she's basking in the wonderful weather. As they say, she's an "easy keeper". We don't have to keep hay in front of her and I haven't had to bring my manure spreader up to town.

As most of you remember, she was painted by Lori Longhany as part of a county-wide fund raiser for the hospital in Batavia. Painted farm animals were purchased and painted and then sold. LeRoy has another cow in front of Townsend Oil on West Main. There is a painted Hereford in front of the Red Osier Restaurant in Stafford.

The LeRoy cow is truly a work of art. Her head is adorned with a box of Jell-O and images of lemons, lines, raspberries, cherries, strawberries and an orange. On the back of her left ear is LeRoy

Machine Company and on the back of her head is the Baptist Church on Lake Road. Along her back are an Elm Diary bottle, Ingham University and Allen's Footease. Her backside and tail are painted with Buttermilk Falls. Her right side includes Union Steel Chest, the Vietnam Veterans, Rotary, The Loyal Order of Moose, the Masonic symbol, the Knights of Columbus and the American Legion, the Town office, the Woodward Airport, the Statue of Liberty, the Jell-O Girl, the Woodward Library.

Three pink flamingoes wade in the water along the creek bank. The Marion Steam Shovel on Gulf Road is on her right shoulder. (Just as an additional note, the steam shovel was finally placed on the official National Register of Historic Places this past June).

On her left side are images of the creek side, the Main Street bridge, LeRoy Plow, Keeney beans, a dead rat for Rough on Rats and a Lapp insulator on her udder. Her legs are painted with images of all the steeples and towers in LeRoy. Her hooves have the official insignias of the police department, the fire depart-



ment, the emergency service and the justice department.

In July, the cow was moved from the Town Hall basement to Trigon Park for the Oatka Festival and at the end of Sunday, we were concerned that she shouldn't be left alone overnight, so she was

"rustled" to the Jell-O Gallery where she has greeted our summer visitors and shared a little of LeRoy's history this summer. She is a remarkable piece of artwork and will be protected and preserved here at the Historical Society.

*The LeRoy Historical Society  
Board of Trustees  
cordially invites the public  
to a reception at LeRoy House  
on  
Thursday, September 4th  
from 3 p.m. until 6 p.m.  
to commemorate the  
20th Anniversary  
of the appointment of our Executive Director  
Lynne Belluscio*

**A Dream Come True**

*We have a large selection of diamonds & wedding bands for you to choose from. Come in and let our experienced staff help you.*

Closed Sat., Aug. 30th  
Open Tuesday

768-7230  
Free Layaway  
Major Charge  
Cards Accepted

**Shelby's**  
*Your Diamond Center Since 1948*  
23 Main Street, Le Roy, NY