



Mountain Lions' Roy Sherrer (right) and Brian Telford organized a fund raising dance to pay for a security system for Mountain General Store owner Bob

Derraugh. Mr. Sherrer said the whole community was behind the project, and helped to make it a success.

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## Neighbors dance for Mountain grocer

MOUNTAIN — Bob Derraugh has had his faith in his fellow man wholeheartedly reaffirmed.

Mr. Derraugh, owner of Mountain General Store, was beginning to have doubts after being robbed five times since last August with thieves averaging takes of between \$2,000 and \$2,500. In five years, he was robbed 13 times.

Last Friday night, in an unprecedented move, the Mountain Township Lions Club sponsored a community dance to raise money for an alarm system for the store.

The response surprised everyone. A total of \$3,000 was raised to cover the cost of the alarm system and heat and smoke detectors.

"I was overwhelmed," said Mr. Derraugh. "They said they need a store in the community and they wanted to keep me here. I feel pretty proud to live here."

Mr. Derraugh, who admitted he had thought about giving up because of the robberies, said his mother, who lives in Ottawa, couldn't believe the community spirit.

"In Ottawa people don't even know their own neighbours," he said. "Here, it's like one big happy family. It sure picks you up to know people care."

The fund-raising project was started about five weeks ago by Lions Roy Sherrer and Brian Telford, who made a "spur of the moment" decision, following the latest break-in at the store.

The Lions made an unprecedented decision to donate money to a private individual because Mr. Derraugh is "a great asset to the community," Mr. Sherrer said.

"We had great support from the community," he said. "We sold 300 tickets and we could have sold more. There were people who couldn't get in and had to be turned away at the door."

In addition to the dance, Mr. Telford said the community came out to help before the dance with a 14-man lookout team to keep an eye on the store following the last break-in.

The new alarm system is being installed in the store this week.

"I think it proves that this community still believes in what the Bible says," Mr. Sherrer said. "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."

Music for the dance was provided by Barry Redmond and Rob Fawcett, who played for a capacity crowd at the Mountain Township Agricultural Society Hall in South Mountain.

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## Nationview honoured for community spirit

The Lions Club of Mountain Township made a special presentation to the Nationview Public School last Friday in recognition of neighbourhood participation. Accepting the accolades from Lion Gerry Lecuyer, right, were the student body and staff members, from left; Garth Workman, Helen Bartholomew, Larry Berry and Gerry Morrell.

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## Nationview pupils learn bike safety



Young bike riders had an opportunity to have their vehicles protected against theft at the Bike Rodeo Saturday at Nationview Public School. At this station, members of the Mountain Township Lions Club engraved the drivers licence number or social insurance number of youngsters' parents onto the bike frame.

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