

# Nominees sought for rural awards

*Applications being accepted until July 31*

Rural Ontario's best-kept secrets will have the chance to receive their due recognition as the Foundation for Rural Living's sixth annual Awards of Rural Excellence gets underway.

The Awards of Rural Excellence recognizes and honours rural communities, organizations and groups that, through programs, projects and initiatives, act on their vision of a better rural Ontario.

Nominations are being accepted until July 31.

"Celebrating success is critical to the health of a community," said Gary Davison, chair of the Foundation for Rural

Living (FRL).

Michelle Quintyn, FRL executive director, said each nomination is a source of inspiration.

"The stories remind all of us that it is possible to make a difference, to make positive change, to prosper by working together and to strive towards excellence."

**Seven different categories**

There are seven award categories: excellence in community leadership, excellence in formal co-operative models, excellence in economic development, outstanding voluntarism and/or partnership in the vol-

untary sector, outstanding rural youth achievement, outstanding philanthropic action and outstanding partnership with business.

Efforts being recognized must take place in communities with a population under 50,000. Amalgamated municipalities of small towns where the population may exceed 50,000 are also eligible.

Nomination forms are available from the FRL at 1 Stone Rd. W., Guelph, by calling (519) 826-4126 or by visiting [www.frl.on.ca](http://www.frl.on.ca).

This year's awards presentations will take place October 18 at the Four Points Sheraton in London, Ont.



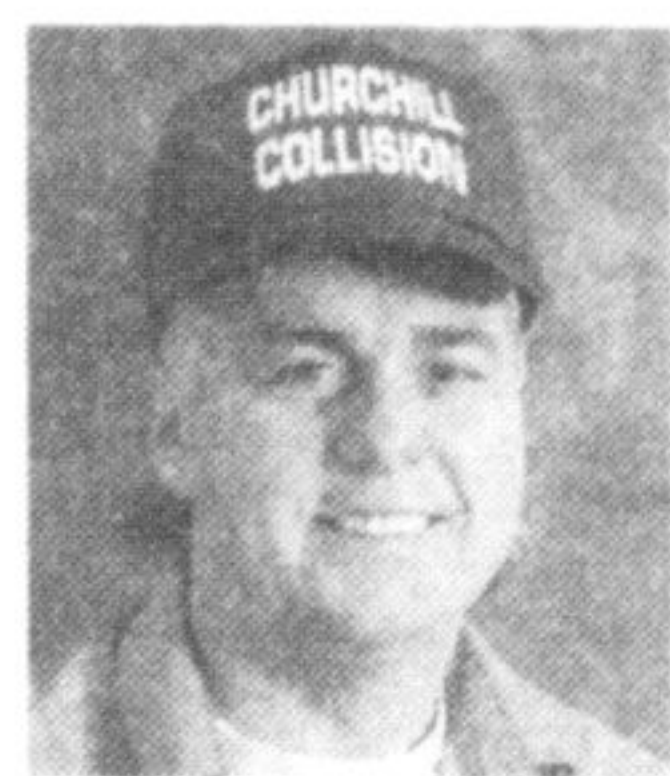
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## A look back

Sherwood Hume stands beside a 1917 three-wheeled farm tractor — believed to be the only one left in existence — built to run on kerosene and water, and now converted to gasoline. This one-of-a-kind tractor will be one of many tractors on display at the Antique Tractor Show this Saturday and Sunday at Country Heritage Park.

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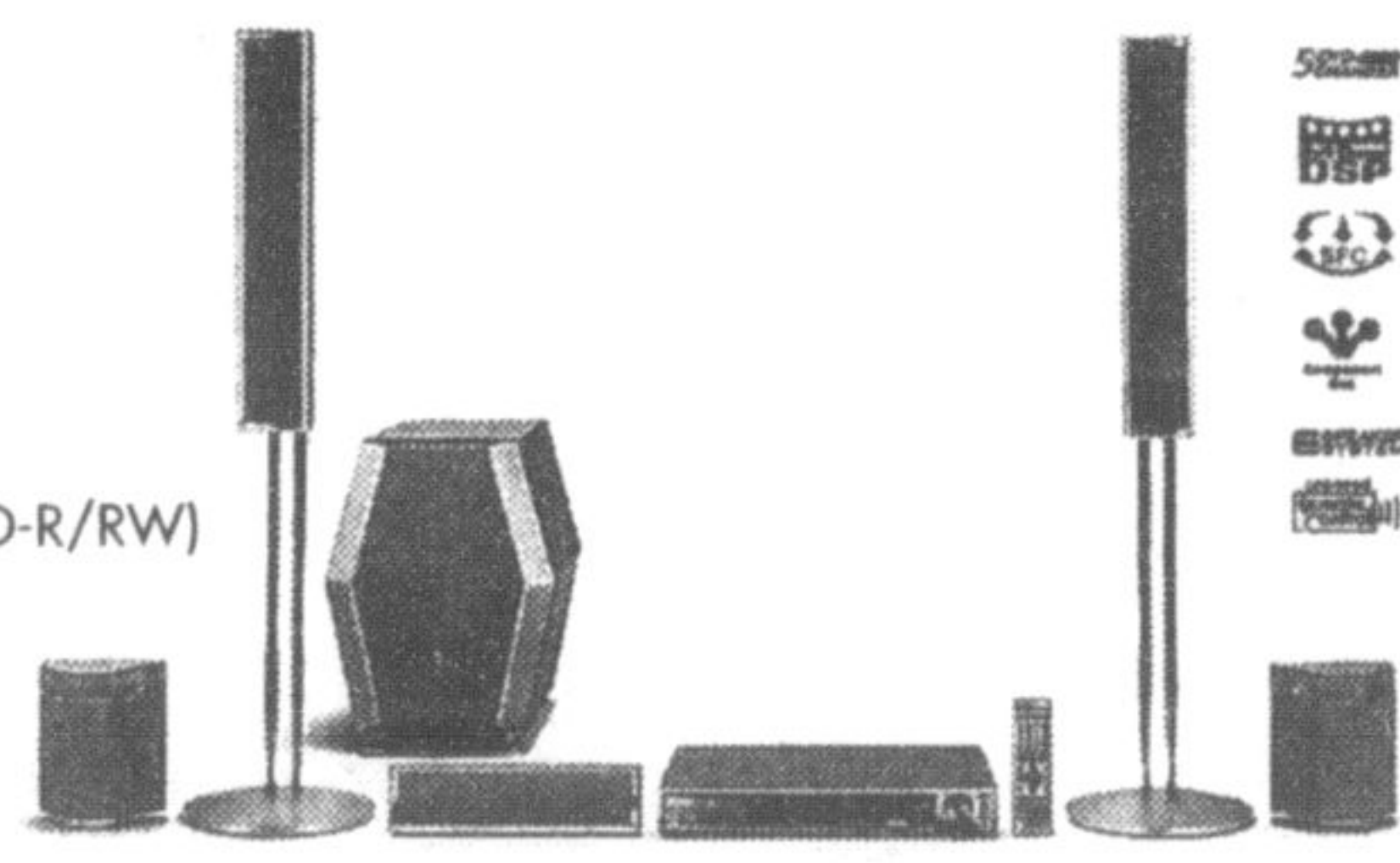
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