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At home on the steel guitar, Al Brisco celebrated his 60th birthday last Saturday, jamming with his musical friends. From left: Al, George Webb, Rick Jones, Grant Carson and Warren Sutcliffe.

## Celebrating 60 in style

Almost everyone in town knew about it, except the birthday boy. And close to 100 hardy souls turned out at the Keeler Centre last Saturday for the celebration of Al Brisco's 60th birthday.

A veteran of more than 40 years of playing steel guitar, Al has acquired an extensive list of friends in the entertainment business.

Al used those contacts last year to bring a highly-professional stage show to the Apple Blossom Tyme Festival. Some of those same friends travelled from

as far away as Niagara Falls and Ottawa to hang out, swap stories and jam to the delight of the Rotary Room crowd.

Al spent his childhood years growing up on a farm, and four years ago returned to his rural roots, settling north of Colborne where he operates his steel guitar business. He is a member of the Ottawa Valley Country Hall of Fame and plays pedal steel across North America.

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# Subdivision moving ahead

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The Kelwood Estates residential development, which is partly owned by Colborne druggist Steve Bowskill, moved closer to reality last Tuesday at Cramahe Township council.

On the motion of Councillor Marc Coombs and Deputy Mayor Ray Kelly, council accepted in principle the Draft Plan of Subdivision for the property which will be developed on the west end of Kelwood Road.

The recommendation of township planner Peter Josephs appeared to set for clear approval until the representative for the developer joined the discussion. Jennifer Curran wanted the cost of upgrading the road to be sub-

ject to negotiation between the developer and the township.

She explained the developer was paying \$2,000 per lot to the township in development charges for existing infrastructure. She agreed that the developer would contribute to the cost of improving the road, but wanted it left open to discussion.

With this premise, Councillor Ed Van Egmond questioned the cost of upgrading Kelwood Road. This would become a factor for the township if the cost were to be shared. Township Public Works Director Barry Thrasher was not at the meeting to answer the question.

Councillor Tim Post had vacated his Council chair in a

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## Mayor questioned about leaked information

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During the time at last week's council meeting allotted for questions from members of council, Deputy Mayor Ray Kelly confronted Mayor Lee Dekeyser about information that had been leaked from a personal confidential letter discussed at an in camera meeting in December.

The deputy mayor questioned the mayor about information Mr. Kelly had been given "on the street and in stores." Mr. Kelly wanted to know if the mayor had told anyone that they could reveal the information contained in the letter, adding if he had, "it was a serious breach".

Mayor Dekeyser countered that he didn't know what the deputy mayor was talking about.

To that Mr. Kelly replied, "You do. I heard it on the street." He went on to stress that a letter marked confidential is confidential.

Obviously angry with the line of questioning, Mayor Dekeyser ended the discussion, saying, "I know what that means and I didn't do it."