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Bartlett teen charged in crash that killed two friends

by Mike Danahey

A Bartlett teen has been charged with two counts of reckless homicide in connection with a crash in which two **Bartlett High School** teens were killed, the DuPage County State's Attorney Office said.

Prosecutors say the teen was driving northbound on Newport Boulevard Aug. 3 at speeds that at times exceeded 100 mph when he failed to slow as he approached the spot where Newport curves into Devon Avenue.

The car went off the road and struck a pole, killing front-seat passenger Alex Czerwik, 16, immediately, the state's attorney's office news release said. Cameron Kelty, also 16, was taken to an area hospital, where he died Aug. 6.

The defendant and another passenger were injured and taken to area hospitals for treatment, the release said.

An initial court hearing for the teen and his parents is scheduled for Sept. 30 in front of DuPage County Judge Anthony Coco.

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Hispanic Heritage month gets spotlight with exhibit and online events presented by Elgin's Gail Borden library

by Mike Danahey; Note: This article also ran at chicagotribune.com

Gail Borden Public Library in Elgin is celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month with a colorful cultural and historical exhibit and several planned activities.

The exhibit features costumes from the Ballet Folklórico Huehuecoyotl dance group, which is marking its 25th anniversary this year, as well as offering a historical and present-day look at the city's Latino community.

According to its research, the U.S. Census documented "19 natives of Mexico" living in Elgin Township in 1930. By 1990, the number of people of "Hispanic origin" in Elgin was 14,576 and 20 years later, 52,000 Hispanics were calling the city home — nearly 46% of its population.

The exhibit also includes information on the city's Hispanic labor force, churches, organizations and **School District U-46's** dual language program.

Beyond the exhibit, the library is working with the Mexican Organization of Elgin to present a virtual Mexican Independence Day celebration from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 11, four days before the actual holiday on Sept. 15. It can be viewed on the library's Facebook page at [facebook.com/gailbordenpubliclibrary/live videos](https://facebook.com/gailbordenpubliclibrary/live_videos).

At 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 25, bilingual children's author José-Luis Orozco will lead a virtual program via Zoom on Latin American culture with song and dance. Register at gailborden.info/register to obtain the link.

Another Facebook live event, this one celebrating Hispanic history, tradition, cultural contributions and communities, is set for 1 to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 1. The downtown library is located at 270 N. Grove Ave. For more information on the exhibits and events, go to gailborden.info.