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The Monday Times
Papers, 2020-2021

Collection 385

Champaign County Historical Archives

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Creator Name: Juniper Gaines

Inclusive Dates: 2020-2021

Physical Description: 1 box, (0.21 linear ft.)

Language: English, Spanish

Provenance:

The "The Monday Times" Papers were donated to the Champaign County Historical Archives by Juniper Gaines in 2021.

Access:

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Historical Note:

Urbana School District #116 closed following Governor Pritzker's March 13, 2020 announcement for statewide school closures as an attempt to help mitigate the effects of the COVID-19 virus. The original shutdown was from March 14 - March 30, 2020. Governor Pritzker then extended the mandate through April 30 on March 31. Urbana School District #116 continued to be closed from March 31 to April 3 for remote planning and began remote learning on April 6. On April 17, 2020, Governor Pritzker extended the school closure and scheduled remote learning for the school year. This shutdown brought together a group of Urbana School District #116 students to create a weekly newspaper to share with their local neighborhood titled "The Monday Times." It was a weekly newspaper from April 2020 to July 2020 and then switched to a larger monthly magazine. Magazine publications were from August 2020 to June 2021, with no issues being published in December 2020 and January 2021 because of the school break. The first publication was on April 27, 2020, and the title ceased publication with the June 2021 issue.

Scope and Content Note:

This collection contains a collection of newspapers and magazines, written and published by children in the Champaign-Urbana area. They include a variety of topics including comic strips, games, recipes, book reviews, poems, gardens, traveling, voting, serialized stories, news stories, tutorials, sports reviews/schedules, experiences with online learning, drawing, and COVID. Sports included are football, hockey, and basketball. COVID includes news, testing, and historical comparisons to the Spanish flu. The majority of the magazine is written by children aged roughly 5-12. Some columns are written in Spanish with English translations.

Arrangement: This collection is arranged in chronological order.

Related Material:

"COVID-19" Vertical File Folder



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Subject Terms:

Athletics
Comic strips
COVID19 (Disease)—Illinois – Urbana
COVID19 (Disease)—Personal narratives
Gardens
Magazines
Newspapers
Online learning and distance education
Poems & Pictures
Recipe
Serialized fiction – Illinois-- Urbana
Traveling
Tutorial series

Name Terms:

Gaines Family

Container List**Box 1**

Folder 1: Newspaper Publications, 2020
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