

Celebration of UAUMC's history is detailed in Hartshorn Hallway

Union Avenue United Methodist Church officially celebrated the recent installation in the Hartshorn Hallway of a 36-foot panoramic timeline of the church history with a special event on Monday, Sept. 15, beginning in the sanctuary.

The historic timeline, depicting the church's history since 1832, was first introduced to the congregation with a ribbon cutting during the June 8 Sunday service.

On Sept. 15, church historian Karen Perone led a virtual walk-through of the panels in the hallway describing their significance and why they were selected. From the founding of the village of Mount Union, to three church buildings with expansions and renovations, Perone explored how the timeline ribbon came to life.

The hallway timeline was designed by George Laurence of Museum Acrylics Co. of New Philadelphia, and was made possible through Perone's research with the artistic guidance of Lynda Slack.

Perone, who is president of the



Karen Perone poses with the timeline depicting the history of Union Avenue United Methodist Church mounted in the church's Hartshorn hallway. A program detailing the project was held Monday, Sept. 15.

Alliance Historical Society, co-sponsors of the church event, had seen Laurence's work portfolio and met him at an Ohio Local History Alliance (OLHA) conference. "We invited him to meet with us and we decided this would be a wonderful way to share our story with church members and visitors," Perone said.

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Three Families plan unique murder mystery

Step into the shadows of Alliance's storied past and join the Three Families for an evening steeped in intrigue during a unique murder mystery experience. With the help of the Carnation City Players you'll traverse three historic landmarks — Glamorgan Castle, the Haines House, and the Mabel Hartzell Home — each holding secrets that may unlock the truth behind a chilling crime.

On the evening of Saturday, October 18, from 5 to 8 p.m., the adventure begins and ends at Glamorgan Castle. Along the way, you'll gather clues, confront whispers of suspicion, and test your detective's eye. Only 45 sleuths will be admitted to this clandestine affair, ensuring an intimate passage through Alliance's past.

To heighten the spell of the night, it is suggested that participants don your finest 1920s attire — fedoras, feathers, pearls, or pinstripes — and blend seamlessly into the mystery. When the case is closed, refreshments will await within the castle walls, where shadows give way to camaraderie.

By taking part, you not only solve a crime — you help preserve Alliance's rich history and gain rare access to its three treasured sites in a single evening. Secure your ticket now at glamorgancastle.org... if you dare.



The Woke Warriors were champions of the Alliance Historical Society's Spring 2025 Trivia Night at Don Pancho's. The Fall 2025 event will be held October 7.

Are you ready for some trivia?

It's that time of the year again to warm up your thinking caps and get your trivia teams tuned up for some stiff competition.

The Alliance Historical Society's biannual Trivia Night is scheduled Tuesday, Oct. 7 from 6 to 9 p.m. at Don Pancho's Tex-Mex Grill on West State Street.

Since starting in October 2022, Trivia Night will be another fun evening of good food,



fellowship, challenging questions and friendly competition. Teams of four people each will battle it out for fun and prizes, answering questions that include general knowledge, entertainment, sports, and a round of local history.

Sixteen teams competed in Trivia Night last March and participants had a fun experience.

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NEED A SPEAKER?

Looking for a speaker? Our group of experienced presenters would love to come and share Alliance's history with you at your next gathering. From small gatherings in your home to large spaces in libraries and churches, we present on a large number of topics. Is there something you'd like to know more about but don't see it listed here? We are willing to take suggestions as well.

Available Topics

- Mabel Hartzell: The Person and the Place
- Matthew and Mary Earley
- Mabel Hartzell and the Hartzell Family
- The Great Olive Poisoning of 1919
- Alliance's Boom Years: the 1910s
- Only Murders in Alliance: The Nine Lives of Joe Butera
- Only Murders in Alliance: The Unsolved Murder of Dr. O. C. Walker
- Only Murders in Alliance: The Life and Mystery of Mattie Hayes
- Five Extraordinary Alliance People, But You May Have Never Heard of Them
- Five Little Known Stories of Alliance
- Morgan Engineering
- Community Industrialists of 19th and 20th Century Alliance
- Big Guns of Alliance
- Alliance Fire Department
- Levi Lamborn

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Alliance Historical Society board member John Gross waves to onlookers during the Greater Alliance Carnation Festival Parade. The Society featured one of two Civil War-era cannons that it helped restore over the last year. Also pictured is board member Shirene Starn-Tapyrik, who helped paint the new carriage. Gross and board member Don Shaffer spearheaded the restoration efforts of the cannons and will speak about the endeavor during the Society's annual meeting on November 12 at Rodman Public Library.

Alliance Historical Society now caretaker of Civil War-era cannons

The Alliance Historical Society has become the caretaker of some unique artifacts with an interesting history – two Civil War-era cannons that have been in the possession of the city for nearly 150 years.

One now stands as a monument to the city's soldiers who fought in the War Between the States at Memorial Park.

The other was fitted with a new carriage and made its first public appearance in decades as part of the 2025 Greater Alliance Carnation Festival Grand Parade. The 1838 Cadet model six-pound cannon used by the Union Army in the Civil War was the Alliance Historical Society's entry in the parade and was accompanied by board member John Gross, who has spearheaded a 10-year effort to restore the cannons, along with board member Shirene Starn-Tapyrik, who helped paint the carriage.

Gross, a former city safety director, gave a brief history of the two cannons during a dedication of the four new monuments to veterans at Memorial Park in June. That one is a Confederate artillery piece that was copied from the Union 1838 Cadet model six-pound brass cannon. It was cast at the Treager Foundry in Richmond, Virginia.

After the Civil War, small-bore brass and iron cannons became obsolete. The federal government offered surplus pieces to organizations such as the Grand Army of the Republic, community governments, or patriotic groups for display or memorial presentations.

The City of Alliance Fire Department acquired the two cannons sometime in the 1880s or 1890s. The department used them



The Civil War-era cannon that now sits inside Memorial Park near the new monument plaza.

both in local festivals, parades, and community picnics. By the early 1930s, the carriages the cannons rested on became so deteriorated that they were discarded. The two cannons laid outside of the old firehouse on Market Street for a time and were even stolen once.

Upon their recovery, the town fathers placed them in Alliance City Cemetery to honor the Union veterans buried there.

The Union cannon was removed around 2015 and was recently fitted for a new carriage so that it may be used in parades during patriotic holidays and observances as well as the Greater Alliance Carnation Festival as it was in 2025.

The confederate cannon was recently removed from the cemetery and placed near the new memorial plaza inside Memorial Park as a reminder of area soldiers who fought in the war that pitted Americans against one another.

Gross said that there has been some criticism over placing a confederate cannon alongside the new monuments.

"In that war of brother against brother, a lot of soldiers died," said Gross. "And they all deserve to be remembered. The men who fought on the Confederate side were Americans before the war. And when the war ended, they became Americans again. [Memorial Park] is a memorial to remember all American veterans. That is what it's all about."

LEARN MORE

John Gross and Don Shaffer will talk about the history of the cannons and the effort to restore them at the Society's annual meeting Wednesday, Nov. 12 at 6:30 p.m. at Rodman Public Library. Registration required at rodmanlibrary.com



It's official!

The City of Alliance has received its welcome packet as an America 250-Ohio community.

The planning of events has already started and final dates will be announced in the coming weeks.

Events will include a speaker series at Rodman Public Library between January and July, including one just prior to Independence Day that will focus on John Shreve, Alliance's connection to the Revolutionary War, as well as John Stark, the patriot who is the namesake of Stark County.

Another summer program will feature the Alliance City Band. A re-enactment concert of a 1924 performance by the band will be held on July 4 at Silver Park.

In November, a program will be held at Rodman Public Library honoring area veterans and telling some of their stories.

And there's more, so stay tuned and join us as we wish American a happy 250th in 2026.



Michael and Libby Patterson, 2025 Citizens of the Year in Alliance, wave to spectators during the 2025 Greater Alliance Carnation Festival Grand Parade.

Pattersons are Citizen of the Year

Congratulations to Michael and Libby Patterson, the Carnation City's Citizens of the Year in 2025.

Mike, a former journalist who retired as editor of The Alliance Review, is a member of the Alliance Historical Society board of trustees. Mike is also the vice president of the Alliance Community Pantry board and is a member of Questors Club, Alliance Kiwanis Club, Union Avenue United Methodist Church Men's group, and Copeland Continued Learning Program Committee.

Libby, a retired high school English teacher, is on the YMCA board of directors and is a member of Coterie Club, Sorosis Club, Alliance Kiwanis Club, Alliance Antique Club, One Book One Community Committee, NAADA-book group, Copeland Continued Learning Program Committee, Union Avenue United Methodist Church Committees, and a Mount Union supervisor to student teachers.

The Pattersons were marshals of the 2025 Greater Alliance Carnation Festival Grand Parade, in which the Society was well represented with four other trustees appearing, including John Gross and Shirene Starn-Tapyrik, with a Civil War-era cannon (see related story); Don Shaffer, with the Marlboro Volunteers; and Jack Madison, Alliance's city treasurer.

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The idea began with the church history book, authored by the church history committee and published in 2022. Key events were extracted, photos from the church's archives were matched with the events, and descriptive texts were written to describe the images.

The timeline is the final portion of the Hartshorn Hallway project and complements the framed stained glass windows that were installed by church member Rick Sampson last spring on the opposite wall of the hallway.

Laurence, who has had a lifelong fascination with history, took these elements and created the layout and design of the timeline.

Originally from New Jersey, he graduated from the University of Maryland with a degree in plastics engineering, and starting in 1980 worked 15 years for Capital Plastics of Maryland.

While working the Washington, D.C. area he was involved in design work for the Smithsonian Museum where he worked on the Enola Gay display among other projects, and the Apollo 11 display at the National Air and Space Museum.

Since moving and starting his company in 1996 to New Philadelphia, he's done many projects for the Zoar Museum, the Dennison Railroad Depot Museum, the Heinz History Center in Pittsburgh, and has worked on displays for several pro football teams. He currently is working on a timeline for Ohio's participation in the America 250 celebration next year.

He said this was the first church project he's worked on.

TRIVIA

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When surveyed what they like most about in Trivia Night, attendees said, "The challenge and camaraderie," "It is a fun atmosphere and good team-building," and "It's fun and the Historical Society raises money. A win-win!"

Of those responding to our survey, 100percent replied that they would definitely or probably continue to attend.

Teams should register with a name, and the entry fee is \$120 per team, which includes a taco bar (chicken, beef or vegetarian), soft drinks, chips & salsa, and a gratuity. A cash bar will be available.

Teams can visit alliancehistory.org/trivia-night to register.

Other fundraising activities will include a 50-50 drawing, table and round sponsorships, and basket raffles. Prizes will be given to the winning team.

Trivia Night and sponsorships help the Alliance Historical Society continue its work to preserve the history of Alliance and its maintenance of the Mabel Hartzell Historical Home and Alliance History Mini Museum.

Anyone who would like to become a sponsor or donate a gift card or raffle basket should seemail alliancehistory@yahoo.com.

Sponsors' names will be mentioned on the Historical Society's website and publicity for the event and sponsor's logo will be placed on the tables at the event. Gold sponsorships are \$500, Silver sponsorships are \$250, Table sponsorships \$100, and \$50 Question sponsors will have their name mentioned throughout the sponsored question round.

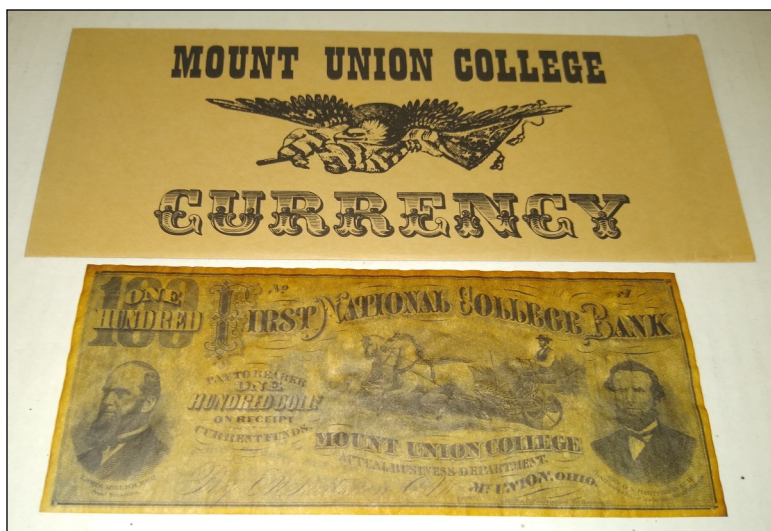
Don Pancho's Tex-Mex Grill is located at 2105 W. State St.

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We're on the lookout for area artifacts

Do you have photographs or artifacts that might be of interest to the Alliance Historical Society? We specifically collect materials related to the history of the Alliance area. If you have something you might like to donate, give us a call at 330-736-1116 or send us an email at alliancehistory@yahoo.com.



ABOVE: Mount Union College "currency" dates back to the late 1860s or early 1870s. Mount Union started a business school after the Civil War and printed this currency for the use of students in the new school. The students could use the notes for practice transactions as part of their studies. The currency was issued in various denominations and featured pictures of faculty members and trustees, views of College Hall (now known as Chapman Hall) and Miller Residence Hall, and two horses pulling a farm implement, a nod to trustee C. Aultman, a Canton industrialist who had donated a combined reaper and mower to sell to raise funds to purchase the land where Chapman Hall sits. **RIGHT:** A metal bank in the shape of a vintage automobile was an advertising piece for Midland Buckeye Federal Savings and Loan Association, once located where the Feline Historical Museum is now, 260 E. Main Street. We do not have a date for the bank. The bank and Mount Union "currency" are two recent additions to the Alliance Historical Society's collection.

