

In Honor of Mother's Day

The Recorder and General Guide would like to honor the Oldest Mother who raised her children in Albion

Mother's Day in Albion



Juliet Calhoun
Blakeley

While the first official observance of Mother's Day came in 1914 when President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed the second Sunday in May Mother's Day, Albion has claims to the founding of the holiday. As noted on the historical marker located near the corner of Ionia and Erie Sts. in Albion, "On May 13,

1877, the second Sunday of the month, Juliet Calhoun Blakeley stepped into the pulpit of the Methodist-Episcopal Church and completed the sermon for the Reverend Myron Daugherty. According to local legend, Daugherty was distraught because an antitemperance group had forced his son to spend the night in a saloon. Proud of their mother's achievement, Charles and Moses Blakeley encouraged others to pay tribute to their mothers. In the 1880's the Albion Methodist church began celebrating Mother's Day in Blakeley's honor." For more information about Mrs. Blakely and other Albion history visit www.albionmich.com/history/histor_notebook/930503.

Who's the oldest one you know?

Submit your nomination by May 15, 2017
to The Recorder office 125 E. Cass St., Albion
or email info to therecorder49224@outlook.com

Name _____

D.O.B: _____

Submitted by:

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Relationship to nominee _____

We will need to contact the person who nominates her to arrange an interview with the winning mother for an upcoming article in The Recorder.