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To the judges:

It rained. It snowed. It plummeted into the mid-30's throughout the nights. But Great Lakes Dream Center Lead Pastor Mary Rathke had mission to complete.

The Bay City Times multimedia specialist Kaytie Boomer spent several days with Rathke as she rose awareness for those in need. Rathke stayed on the roof of the church for three nights to raise money while experiencing being outside in the Michigan winter 24/7.

Boomer made sure to document as many stages of the process as possible, including using a drone to show a different perspective of her lying on a couch on the roof to show her dedication to the community.

Please consider the work of Kaytie Boomer for The Bay City Times for a best photo story award.

Sincerely,
Bob Johnson
News Leader
MLive-The Bay City Times

KB_BCTBestPhotoStory-01 Caption: Pastor Mary Rathke of the Great Lakes Dream Center lies on the couch on the roof on Saturday, Nov. 13, 2021 in Bay City. Rathke stayed on the roof of the church from Thursday, Nov. 11 to Sunday, Nov. 14 to raise at least \$50,000 for those in need. (Kaytie Boomer | MLive.com)

KB_BCTBestPhotoStory-02 Caption: Todd Rathke and Claudia Rathke, 12, gather in their living room as they help Pastor Mary Rathke pack for staying on the roof of the Great Lakes Dream Center during the 'Rooftop Survivor' event on Wednesday, Nov. 10, 2021 in Essexville. Mary stayed on the roof of the church from Thursday, Nov. 11 to Sunday, Nov. 14 to raise at least \$50,000 for those in need. (Kaytie Boomer | MLive.com)

KB_BCTBestPhotoStory-03 Caption: Pastor Mary Rathke listens to songs performed before delivering service at Great Lakes Dream Center on Sunday, Dec. 19, 2021 in Bay City. (Kaytie Boomer | MLive.com)





KB_BCTBestPhotoStory-04 Caption: Pastor Mary Rathke of the Great Lakes Dream Center lies on the couch on the roof on Saturday, Nov. 13, 2021 in Bay City. Rathke stayed on the roof of the church from Thursday, Nov. 11 to Sunday, Nov. 14 to raise at least \$50,000 for those in need. (Kaytie Boomer | MLive.com)

KB_BCTBestPhotoStory-05 Caption: Pastor Mary Rathke of the Great Lakes Dream Center and Marlene Mika measure the space for a banner for the 'Rooftop Survivor' event on Friday, Nov. 5, 2021 in Bay City. Rathke stayed on the roof of the church from Thursday, Nov. 11 to Sunday, Nov. 14 to raise at least \$50,000 for those in need. (Kaytie Boomer | MLive.com)

KB_BCTBestPhotoStory-06 Caption: Pastor Mary Rathke of the Great Lakes Dream Center hops off the lift for the first time to set up her area on the roof for the 'Rooftop Survivor' event on Sunday, Nov. 7, 2021 in Bay City. Rathke stayed on the roof of the church from Thursday, Nov. 11 to Sunday, Nov. 14 to raise at least \$50,000 for those in need. (Kaytie Boomer | MLive.com)

KB_BCTBestPhotoStory-07 Caption: Claudia Rathke and her mom Pastor Mary Rathke chat in the kitchen of their home home as they pack for Mary staying on the roof of the Great Lakes Dream Center during the 'Rooftop Survivor' event on Wednesday, Nov. 10, 2021 in Essexville. Mary stayed on the roof of the church from Thursday, Nov. 11 to Sunday, Nov. 14 to raise at least \$50,000 for those in need. (Kaytie Boomer | MLive.com)

KB_BCTBestPhotoStory-08 Caption: Pastor Mary Rathke of Great Lakes Dream Center checks out her bathroom area as she settles in on the roof on the first day of the 'Rooftop Survivor' event on Thursday, Nov. 11, 2021 in Bay City. Rathke stayed on the roof of the church from Thursday, Nov. 11 to Sunday, Nov. 14 to raise at least \$50,000 for those in need. (Kaytie Boomer | MLive.com)

KB_BCTBestPhotoStory-09 Caption: Pastor Mary Rathke, her husband Todd Rathke, son Wesley Rathke, 14, and daughter Claudia Rathke, 12, enjoy dinner together on the roof of Great Lakes Dream Center during the 'Rooftop Survivor' on Friday, Nov. 12, 2021 in Bay City. Mary stayed on the roof of the church from Thursday, Nov. 11 to Sunday, Nov. 14 to raise at least \$50,000 for those in need. (Kaytie Boomer | MLive.com)

KB_BCTBestPhotoStory-10 Caption: Pastor Mary Rathke delivers service at Great Lakes Dream Center on Sunday, Dec. 19, 2021 in Bay City. (Kaytie Boomer | MLive.com)

