

Enter for a chance to win \$500 to H-E-B!

## OFFICIAL SWEEPSTAKES RULES

NO PURCHASE NECESSARY. A PURCHASE WILL NOT INCREASE YOUR ODDS OF WINNING.

1. SPONSOR: The [Enter for a chance to win \$500 to H-E-B! (the "Sweepstakes")] is sponsored by Village Media, Inc., 298 Queen Street East, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, P6A 1Y7 (the "Sponsor"). Not sponsored, endorsed, administered by or associated with Facebook or Instagram."]

2. SWEEPSTAKES DATES AND TIMES: The Sweepstakes begins on [Oct. 10, 2023] at 9 a.m. [CDT] and ends on Oct. 18 at 12 p.m. CDT (the "Sweepstakes End Date") after which time the Sweepstakes will be closed and no further entries will be accepted.

3. HOW TO ENTER: You can enter by providing an email address. ViralSweep contest - Local Profile. Receipt of Internet entries occurs when Sponsor's server records the entry information. All entries must be complete and are subject to verification by the Sponsor, in Sponsor's sole discretion. Limit [insert any entry limits – e.g., one (1) entry per person, one (1) entry per person/social media account, etc.]. Entrants that are not subscribers of the Sponsor may enter this Sweepstakes by hand-writing a brief paragraph on why local journalism is important and mailing their entry to the Sponsor at 298 Queen Street East, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, Canada P6A 1Y7 by the Sweepstakes End Date. No purchase mail-in entries must be in English and include the entrant's first and last name, mailing address, e-mail address, day and evening telephone numbers, age and Sweepstakes name. No purchase mail-in entries must be postmarked by SWEEPSTAKES END DATE and received by FIVE DAYS LATER.

4. SWEEPSTAKES PRIZES: There is a total of one prize available to be won consisting of: one \$500 gift card to H-E-B (i) \$500 (approximate retail value (APR) \$500). All winners assume any and all liability for any injury or damage caused, or claimed to be caused, by entering, participating in this Sweepstakes or their use or redemption of a prize. All prizes must be accepted as awarded and have no cash value. Prizes or any portion thereof cannot be combined with other discounts, promotions or special offers. The Sponsor reserves the right to substitute an alternate prize of equal or greater value if an advertised prize is unavailable at time of award. Prizes may not be sold or transferred in any way.

5. WINNER SELECTION AND CONFIRMATION: On Oct. 10 at 12 p.m. CDT at 298 Queen Street East, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, Canada, P6A 1Y7 ("Draw Date") the Sponsor, or an employee, agent or other representative of the Sponsor, will conduct a random draw from all eligible entries received before the Sweepstakes End Date and select the potential winner (or winners) (the "Selected Entrant" or "Selected Entrants"). The Selected Entrant (or Selected Entrants) will be deemed a winner (or winners) if they meet all of the eligibility criteria set out in these Sweepstakes Rules, in Sponsor's sole discretion. Prize winner(s) shall be solely responsible for all federal, state and/or local taxes, and the reporting consequences thereof, and for any other fees or costs associated with the applicable prize. Any potential prize winner may be required to execute a "Winner Release" (as defined below). If winner fails or refuses to sign and return Winner Release within five (5) days of prize notification (or a shorter time if required by exigencies), winner may be disqualified and an alternate winner may be selected. Winners of prizes valued at \$600 or more will receive an IRS Form 1099 for the total actual retail value of the prize in the January following awarding of the prize.

## GENERAL SWEEPSTAKES RULES

These General Sweepstakes Rules apply to any contest that is sponsored by the Sponsor for any of its websites in addition to any specific contest rules for a particular contest.

6. **ELIGIBILITY:** This Sweepstakes is open to legal residents of the fifty (50) United States and Washington, D.C., who are at least eighteen (18) years of age and have reached the age of majority in their state, province or territory of residence at the time of entry, with the exception of employees of the Sponsor, its parent, related and affiliated companies, subsidiaries, departments or agencies, franchisees, suppliers, advertising and promotional agencies, Sweepstakes administrators, and any other parties engaged in the development, production or distribution of Sweepstakes materials and those living in the same household or any of their immediate family (spouse, parent, child or sibling).

By participating in this Sweepstakes, entrants acknowledge compliance with, and agree to be bound by, these Sweepstakes Rules. Entrants who do not comply with any of these Sweepstakes Rules are subject to disqualification by the Sponsor, in the Sponsor's sole discretion.

If a Selected Entrant does not meet any eligibility criteria, including an inability by the Sponsor to contact the Selected Entrant or receive a reply from the Selected Entrant, he/she will be disqualified and will not receive a prize and another entrant (or subsequent entrants if required) will be selected by way of a random draw from the remaining eligible entries. Any Selected Entrant, before being declared a winner, will be required to sign and return the Sponsor's Declaration of Eligibility and Liability/Publicity Release form (the "Winner Release"); and (iii) comply with all other Sweepstakes Rules, all in the sole discretion of Sponsor.

Entrants agree that the Sponsor shall have the right at any time to require proof of identity or eligibility to enter into any of the Sponsor's contests, failure to provide any such proof upon request and in the time period requested which result in the entrant's disqualification, in the Sponsor's sole discretion.

7. **30-DAY RULE AND \$1,000 RULE.** If you are required as an entrant to have a valid account via a Village Media, Inc. ("VMI") website (note: an account is free to create) or a VMI website may state that the 30-Day Rule or the \$1,000 Rule applies to a particular contest, then these additional requirements will be disclosed. The 30-Day Rule excludes individuals who have won a VMI Sweepstakes within the preceding 30 days from being selected by that VMI website as a potential sweepstakes winner. The \$1,000 Rule prevents an individual who has won a prize valued at \$1,000 or more on a VMI website from being selected by that website as a potential contest winner during the six-month period following the date that they last won a prize. Any entry limits applicable to a particular sweepstakes will be stated in the individual sweepstakes rules for that sweepstakes.

8. **ODDS OF WINNING:** The odds of winning depend on the number of eligible entries received in accordance with the deadlines stated herein.

9. **WINNER NOTIFICATION:** The Selected Entrant (or Selected Entrants) will be notified within one (1) business day of the draw and will be contacted using the email used to enter into this Sweepstakes and up to three attempts will be made within one (1) day following the draw. A Selected Entrant that does not or cannot accept a prize may be forfeited and a new Selected Entrant selected by random draw, in the Sponsor's sole discretion. A signed copy (or copies in

the case of multiple Selected Entrants) of the Sponsor's Winner Release must be received by Sponsor by no later than 5:00 p.m. CDT two (2) days after being notified by the Sponsor and must be sent to riley@villagemedia.ca. The Sponsor is not responsible for the failure for any reason whatsoever of a Selected Entrant (or Selected Entrants) to receive notification or for the Sponsor to receive a response.

Disputes regarding identity of entrant: If, in the case of any online entries, the identity of a Selected Entrant is disputed, the entry will be deemed to have been submitted by the Authorized Account Holder (the individual assigned to the e-mail address or, if applicable for entry, social media handle associated with the entry). Each Selected Entrant may be required to provide proof that he/she is the Authorized Account Holder associated with the selected entry.

10. ENTRY IRREGULARITIES: Any attempt or suspected attempt to use robotic, automatic, programmed, or otherwise, illicit means to enter this Sweepstakes, or any other methods not authorized by these Sweepstakes Rules, for example, but not limited to, creating multiple accounts, identities, or registrations, all in the Sponsor's sole discretion, shall be deemed as tampering and may disqualify you from entering, participating and/or winning a prize. Entries that contain false or incomplete information are void. Entries that are late, lost, stolen, illegible, contain false information, are damaged, misdirected, mutilated, garbled or incomplete, altered or otherwise irregular or that do not conform with or satisfy any or all of the conditions of these Sweepstakes Rules are void. Entrants grant Sponsor a non-exclusive license to use all entries for any purpose. No correspondence will be entered into except with Selected Entrants. Proof of transmission (screenshots or captures, etc.) does not constitute proof of entry or receipt of an entry.

For social media based contests, any entrant found to have used multiple Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, Tik Tok or any other social media platforms, whether by establishing multiple accounts or using other persons' social media accounts, to enter a contest will be deemed ineligible by the Sponsor to enter any contest or win any prize.

11. RELEASE AND INDEMNIFICATION: The winner (or winners) of this Sweepstakes must sign the Sponsor's Winner Release to: (i) confirm compliance with the Sweepstakes Rules; (ii) agree to accept their prize as awarded; (iii) release, discharge and hold harmless the Sponsor, its departments and agencies, parent, related and affiliated companies, subsidiaries, franchisees, advertising and promotional agencies, counsel, marketing partners, and, if this Sweepstakes is marketed on Facebook and/or Instagram, Facebook and/or Instagram, and each of their respective directors, officers, employees, shareholders, successors, sponsors, partners, licensees, subsidiaries, agents, artists, advisors, assignees, and all others associated with the administration, development and execution of this Sweepstakes (the "Released Parties") from and against any and all manner of action, cause of action, claim or demand, loss or injury, use or misuse of a prize or any travel related thereto, and the use of an entry by the Sponsor, suit, debt, covenant, contract, including legal fees and expenses, whatsoever, including but not limited to, claims based on negligence, breach of contract and fundamental breach, failure of any third party contractor or supplier used in connection with any aspect of this Sweepstakes to perform or deliver any goods or services, any act of God or any other event beyond the Released Parties' control, any dissatisfaction of any kind by a winner with any aspect of this Sweepstakes or any prize, liability for physical injury, death, or property damage which the entrants, guests, their heirs, successors or assigns have, might have or could have suffered, by reason of or arising out of the entrant's participation in this Sweepstakes and/or in connection with the acceptance and/or exercise by the entrant of the prize as awarded; and (iv) indemnify the Released Parties against any loss, damage or expense, including legal fees, that any of the

Released Parties may suffer or incur as a result of any non-compliance by an entrant with any of these Sweepstakes Rules or participation in this Sweepstakes and/or in connection with the acceptance and/or exercise by an entrant of a prize and the use of the entry by Sponsor.

The Sponsor is not responsible for: (i) incorrect or inaccurate entry information which may affect a person's ability to participate in this Sweepstakes or be awarded a prize, including but not limited to human error, technical malfunctions, lost or delayed entries for any reason, mail failures, omission, or any combination thereof, and entries which fail to fully comply with these Sweepstakes Rules; (ii) technical failures of any kind, including, but not limited to malfunctions, interruptions, or disconnections in phone lines or network hardware or software; (iii) lost, incomplete, delayed, mutilated or misdirected entries or Winner Release forms; (iv) injury or damage to the entrant's computer or to any other individual's computer related to or resulting from participating in, or downloading any material regarding this Sweepstakes or accepting a prize; (v) any injury or damage to persons or property which may be caused, directly or indirectly, in whole or in part, from the entrant's participation in this Sweepstakes or the receipt or use or misuse of any prize, including any travel related thereto and the use of their entry by the Sponsor; (vi) the security or privacy of information transmitted via computer networks or for breaches of privacy due to interference by third party computer "hackers" or otherwise; (vii) late, lost, misdirected or unsuccessful efforts to notify a potential winner; or (viii) late or un-received replies to any Contest-related communication from a potential winner.

12. SWEEPSTAKES TERMINATION: The Sponsor reserves the right to terminate or amend this Sweepstakes at any time and in any way, without prior notice. Without limiting the foregoing, if, for any reason, the Sweepstakes is not capable of running as originally planned for any reason, the Sponsor reserves the right to cancel the Sweepstakes and conduct a random draw from all eligible entries received as of the date of cancellation.

13. PUBLICITY AND ENTRANT INFORMATION: By participating in this Sweepstakes, entrants consent to the use, including waiving any moral rights, by the Sponsor and any co-sponsors and any of their designees, or their respective licensees, successors or assigns, of their name, address, postal code, telephone number, social media handles, comments and image and all of their entries, including written essay entries, whether on videotape, photograph, written or any other means, all as may be edited, translated or otherwise modified by the Sponsor in Sponsor's sole discretion, for the administration of this Sweepstakes or any publicity or marketing carried out by the Sponsor, without further notice or compensation to the entrant.

14. LAW: The Sweepstakes is void where prohibited by law and is subject to all applicable federal, state and local laws. This Sweepstakes shall be governed exclusively by the laws of state of Colorado, including all issues and questions concerning the construction, validity, interpretation and enforceability of these Official Rules, rights and obligations between entrants and the Sponsor, and procedural provisions, without giving effect to any choice of law or conflict of law rules. Any dispute shall be adjudicated by the courts sitting in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario.

15. RULE AMENDMENTS: The Sponsor reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to amend or modify these Sweepstakes Rules, or modify, cancel or suspend this Sweepstakes, without prior notice for any reason whatsoever, including without limitation in the event that any cause beyond the reasonable control of the Sponsor corrupts, or threatens to corrupt, the security or proper administration of the Sweepstakes.

16. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY: All intellectual property, including but not limited to trademarks, logos, designs, promotional materials, web pages, source codes, images,

drawings, illustrations, slogans and representations are owned by the Sponsor. All rights are reserved. Unauthorized copying or use of any copyrighted material or other intellectual property without the express written consent of the Sponsor is strictly prohibited. The Sponsor's marketing or other partners, if any, shall also have access to and rights to reproduce, copy or otherwise use any materials generated by this Contest or any submissions or materials generated by entrants.

17. WINNER'S LIST: The names of the confirmed winner(s) will be posted at <https://www.localprofile.com/news/enter-for-a-chance-to-win-a-500-gift-card-to-h-e-b-7594495>

18. PERSONAL INFORMATION: By entering into any of the Sponsor's contests, you consent to the Sponsor's collection, use and disclosure of your personal information for the purpose of administering the relevant contest in accordance with the Sponsor's privacy policy, which is available at: <https://www.longmontleader.com/other/privacy-policy>

Over the course of participating in a contest, you may be given the option to receive commercial electronic e-mails or other communications of a commercial nature (collectively, "Commercial Communications") from the Sponsor or other parties. Should you choose to receive Commercial Communications from the Sponsor, your personal information will be used by the Sponsor for the purpose (or purposes) set out in the consent request to you, these General Contest Rules or the contest rules in relation to the particular contest you entered. The Sponsor may disclose your personal information to any prize supplier for the purposes of prize fulfillment. If you have been asked to sign and return the Sponsor's Winner Release or any other documentation in accordance with these Contest Rules you agree that the Sponsor may disclose your personal information to any interested party, including to an entity who is released by you from liability.

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