Grand Island personal trainer is a houseguest on 'Big Brother'



Mark Jansen of Grand Island is one of 16 contestants who will be competing on "Big Brother" this summer. (CBS)

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Oh, brother. CBS has given Western New Yorkers an extra reason to watch the new season of the reality series "Big Brother."

Mark Jansen, a 26-year-old personal trainer from Grand Island, is one of the 16 houseguests in the new season competing for \$500,000.

To read more about Jansen, who describes himself as "fun, strong and thoughtful," click here.

The houseguests will be interviewed at 11 this morning via a live stream on CBS All Access at CBS.com or the CBS app for iOS, Android and Windows 10, and on connected devices, including Roku, Apple TV, Chromecast, Android TV, Xbox One, PlayStation 4 and Fire TV.

CBS says Jansen will be in a cast that includes a government engineer, a rodeo clown, a microbiologist and a cosplay artist.

The series, with Julie Chen as host, has a two-night premiere. A two-hour episode airs on WIVB-TV, the local CBS affiliate, at 8 p.m. June 28 and an hour episode airs at 9 p.m. Thursday, June 29.

After the premiere week, "Big Brother" will air three nights a week – Sunday, Wednesday and Thursday starting on July 2. According to CBS, all three editions last summer ranked among the top 10 summer series in adults 18-49, adults 18-34 and adults 25-54.

The 16 people living in the house will have their every move followed for 24 hours a day by 87 HD cameras and more than 100 microphones. Guests are voted out of the house weekly, with the final guest winning \$500,000.