

'Big Brother: All Stars' hopeful visits Crystal Beach to round up votes

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To round up votes and share his southern charm, Michael "Cowboy" Ellis, runner-up on the hit CBS show "Big Brother 5" and current "Big Brother: All Stars" hopeful, visited Steve's Landing restaurant in Crystal Beach on the evening of Saturday, June 24.

David and Pat Redwine, owners of Steve's Landing, had met Ellis and his wife, April, on a cruise not long ago. When Ellis had the opportunity to make personal appearances in an effort to win over some voters and fans in anticipation of being on "Big Brother: All Stars," he added



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From left: Janna Redwine Sanders, Trisha Redwine, April and "Big Brother: All Stars" hopeful Michael "Cowboy" Ellis, Pat and David Redwine, owners of Steve's Landing.

Steve's Landing at Crystal Beach to his list of stops.

"The restaurant was so packed that night and every-

one had a great time visiting with him (Ellis)," said Trisha Redwine, daughter of Steve's Landing owners Pat and David

Redwine and "Big Brother" fan. "Cowboy is such a good people-person. He talked to everybody and was so grateful

to them for coming out to meet him."

The 25-year-old "Cowboy" from Durant, Okla. came in second place on "Big Brother 5," earning him \$50,000.

For its seventh edition, "Big Brother" is bringing back its most popular players. Twenty former contestants have been selected to vie for 12 slots open in the house. In a first for the show, the audience will select its favorites by voting on-line at the CBS Web site.

Polls closed at midnight on June 28. The 12 houseguests will be revealed on the July 6 installment.

Steve's Landing is located at 1290 Bayvue Dr. in Crystal Beach.