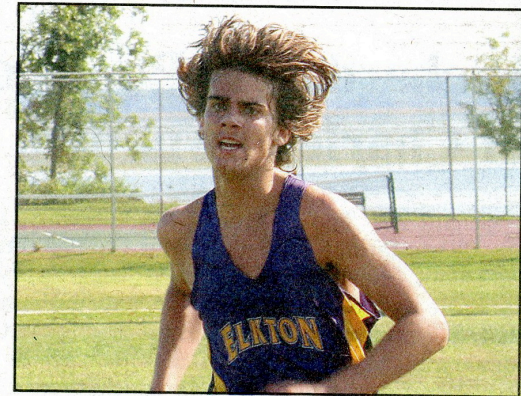


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Dixon blogs for a cause

by Lisa Tome
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Although he's a history buff, Mike Dixon isn't stuck in the past.

Since August, Dixon, of Elkton, has been blogging away on his laptop computer.

Dixon began his online writing at someonenoticed.wordpress.com/feed when he became concerned about a decision by

Hot time at Riverfest



Finch finds success

by Lisa Tome
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Timothy Finch started his career as a model and is now playing a modeling agency employee on TV.

Blame it on "Ugly Betty."

Finch, 26, of Conowingo, a 2000 graduate of Perryville High School, currently has a recurring role on the hit ABC television series.

"I am currently being featured as one of Betty's co-workers in scenes that take place at Betty's workplace in the Mode Fashion Magazine office," said Finch. He got the job in July and has been hired to work on the series full time

DIXON: Preservation advocate



Mike Dixon is now blogging in an effort to preserve park land at Elk Landing. Dixon has found that publishing his thoughts and concerns online is a worthwhile thing to do. He has found that Cecil County has other blog sites.

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"I had no experience with. "These days as we enter this

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Turns". He has also done other film work and is working on an internet web series.

Acting wasn't Finch's original goal. He pursued modeling from the age of 16. After graduating from Salisbury University in 2005, he and his wife, Kaitlin Finch, a Production Coordinator for ABC World News Tonight, moved to New York City. They financed their dreams with a cash advance from a credit card.

"We were engaged at the time and both had always wanted to move up here (New York City) where there were more opportunities for us and our careers. We decided to pack up everything and go," said Finch. "It was definitely hard leaving behind our family and friends, but we both wanted to follow our dreams. I knew the only way to do that was to see what New York City had to offer us."

For Finch, that family includes his parents; Don and Patricia Finch and his sister, Jennifer Finch-Pfeiffer, his grandmother, aunt and a host of friends. Finch, who was a state-qualifying track and soccer player at Perryville High, worked in the modeling industry for about a year before turning to television.

"I kind of just fell into acting and discovered it was my true passion," he said. He had some television roles and then got his Screen Actor's Guild Union Card.

"I have been working hard at my acting career ever since," he said.

And that hard work is paying off.

"I worked hard to get where I am and I never gave up even during the worst of times. I took a huge risk, I have no regrets and I will continue to work harder to fulfill my dream of becoming a successful actor. My wife and I moved up here three years ago without a lot of money and no set plans in mind except to get started on our careers. And as of now, we are where we want to be in life and still strive to be so much more," added Finch.

