

To the Dickson Herald:

I would once again encourage you to do a story on a young man who lives in Vanleer, Chris King. Chris will be a senior at Creek Wood High School this fall and was one of the two Grand Prize winners at the Middle TN Science and Engineering Fair (MTSEF) held in March at Austin Peay State University. This is the 2nd year in a row Chris has achieved this honor. Among his top awards at the MTSEF for his project “Electromagnet Levitation: A Digital Control System” were:

1st place award in the Engineering category - \$100
1st place award from the Dupont Corporation - \$75
Best Engineering project from Sigma Xi - \$100
1st award from the TN Society of Professional Engineers - \$100
Elizabeth Wayt Math Award - \$250

His Grand Prize award gave him another one year tuition free scholarship to APSU and another week long all expense paid trip to the International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF) in Atlanta, GA where he exhibited his project and met students from 50 countries and territories. This year Chris received 2 major awards at the ISEF, a 2nd place in the Electrical Engineering category and a separate award from the U.S. Army of a 12 day all expense paid trip to a special science research event called the “Cherry Blossom festival” in Tokyo, Japan. The trip will take place this coming December. His cash and saving bond awards totaled almost \$5,000 at the ISEF.

As director of the fair at APSU, I once again had the privilege to accompany Chris to the ISEF. As I said last year, he is an outstanding young man on many levels. More information on the MTSEF and ISEF (awards lists, pictures, etc.) can be found at my web site, www.apsu.edu/mtsef. A great YouTube video by *Wired* magazine taken at the ISEF can be found at <http://blog.wired.com/geekdad/2008/05/intel-isef200-2.html>.

Chris has done extremely well in other statewide research contests. He was awarded one of the 2 first place awards at the statewide TN Junior Academy of Science (a \$500 award). He also placed highly at the TN Junior Science and Humanities Symposium, winning a trip to the national meeting at Orlando, Florida.

Thanks for the article last year on Chris, but the county needs to know about this year’s accomplishments of this outstanding young man.

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Feel free to contact me at home. I have attached 2 pictures of Chris and his project – one taken at the MTSEF and one at the ISEF. Let me know if you need electronic copies of any of this info.

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