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10-YEAR-OLD GRAND ISLAND YOUTH WINS THREE NATIONAL TITLES AND SETS FOUR NATIONAL RECORDS WITHIN A 2-WEEK PERIOD

Ten-year-old Erika Anschutz of Grand Island won two, first place finishes at the National Archery Association's (NAA) Junior Olympic Archery Development (JOAD) Program National Indoor Championship and the NAA's National Indoor Championship tournaments held March 12-14 at Naperville, Illinois. Erika competed in the Female Cadet Compound division for girls aged 11 and under in both tournaments. JOAD and NAA archers shoot at target faces with bull's-eyes of 4 cm and 2 cm, respectively, from a distance of 18 meters. During the course of winning these NAA tournaments, her scores set three national records. On the first day, Erika's JOAD tournament score of 579 out of a total possible 600 points, eclipsed the previous national record of 575 by 4 points. While competing in the last two days of the NAA National Indoor Championship tournament, she shattered two more national records with scores of 569 and 1,133 points for single and double-FITA rounds, respectively. The previous records were 528 and 1,042 out of total possible scores of 600 and 1,200 points.

Two weeks after her record-setting performance at Naperville, Erika traveled to Tulsa, Oklahoma where she competed in the National Field Archery Association's (NFAA) National Indoor Championship tournament held March 27-28. Once again Erika's shooting was on mark as she placed first in the Cub Female Freestyle division (girls aged 11 and under) for the third consecutive year. Each NFAA indoor tournament archer must shoot at a target face having an 8 cm bulls-eye with a 4 cm X-ring, from a distance of 20 yards. On the first day of the tournament, Erika scored 300 out of 300 possible points with 48 of 60 possible X-rings. She repeated with another maximum score of 300 points, including 46 X-rings, the following day and ended the tournament setting a new NFAA national indoor championship record of 600 points with 94 out of 120 possible X-rings. The previous record of 594, with 73 X-rings, had stood since 1990.

Erika, who is the daughter of Steve and Jurita Anschutz, has been shooting and competing in archery tournaments for the past 3-1/2 years. She is a fourth grade student at Seedling Mile Elementary School. In addition to archery, Erika enjoys reading and participating in other sports including gymnastics, basketball, soccer, and volleyball.

