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## NEWS RELEASE

### **ERIKA ANSCHUTZ WINS GOLD AND BRONZE MEDALS IN JUNIOR WORLD TARGET ARCHERY CHAMPIONSHIP**

Fifteen-year-old Erika Anschutz of Grand Island, Nebraska won bronze and gold medals in individual and team competitions, respectively, while competing as a member of the U.S. Junior Archery Team in the VIII Junior World Outdoor Target Archery Championship that was held in Lilleshall, Great Britain during July 19-24. The tournament, which is held once every 2 years, was attended by 545 young archers representing 47 nations around the world. The U.S. Team was comprised of thirty-two young men and women archers from across the nation who were divided into eight, four-person teams based on their gender, age (age groups 17-18 and 16 and under), and type of bow used (recurve or compound). Erika, who was the youngest member of the U.S. junior women's compound bow team, shot against 32 other top young female archers (age 18 and under) from 14 nations to win the bronze medal in individual competition. The individual gold medal was won by Tiffany Reeves of the U.S., while Sara Boberg of Sweden received the silver medal. Erika also shot in the anchor position for the U.S. junior women's team to help it win the gold medal during the team round. The silver and bronze medals for team competition went to Canada and France, respectively.

This was the third U.S. World Archery Team that Erika has competed on in as many years. During August 2002, she traveled with the U.S. Team to Nymburk, Czech Republic for the VII Junior World Outdoor Target Archery Championships and established a new world record score while winning the gold medal in the individual compound bow competition for cadet women (age 16 and under). Less than one year later, Erika was the youngest member of the U.S. Team that went to Nimes, France during March 2003 for the VII World Indoor Archery Championship. While in France, she competed in the junior women (age 18 and under) compound bow division and won her second and third world titles with first and second place finishes in the team and individual competitions, respectively. As a result of her recent performance at the world championship in Great Britain, Erika has amassed a total of five world archery titles since 2002.

For detailed information about Erika's results and how her fellow U.S. Team members performed at the VIII Junior World Outdoor Target Archery Championship, please visit the NAA's website at <http://www.usarchery.org/>. Additional information about the tournament, including pictures and video highlights of the event, may also be accessed by visiting the following two websites:

<http://www.jotawc2004.org/Results.htm> and <http://www.jotawc2004.org/Photos.htm>.

Also this past month, Erika garnered her twenty-ninth and thirtieth national titles in archery competition by winning the National Archery Association's (NAA) Junior Olympic Archery Development (JOAD) Program National Outdoor Target Championship tournament held in Conyers, Georgia during July 9-11, and the NAA's 120<sup>th</sup> National Outdoor Target Archery Championship that was held in Reading, Pennsylvania during July 26-29. While competing in the JOAD national tournament, Erika established two new world records with scores of 349 points at the 60-meter target distance, and 1,385 points for the 144-arrow FITA Round. During the NAA championship tournament, she continued her record-setting streak with scores that established fifteen new national records. After being involved in the sport of archery for nearly nine years, Erika has compiled an amazing total of 119 national records, 11 of which are world records.

Erika will be a sophomore at Grand Island Senior High School this coming school year. In addition to archery, she enjoys listening to music, watching movies, and spending time with her family and friends. Erika is the daughter of Steve and Jurita Anschutz. Steve is employed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Grand Island, while Jurita owns and operates a home-based health and wellness business.