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ERIKA ANSCHUTZ ESTABLISHES HER 20TH NATIONAL ARCHERY RECORD AND WINS HER 13TH AND 14TH NATIONAL TITLES

Twelve-year-old Erika Anschutz of Grand Island, Nebraska established her twentieth national record while winning her thirteenth and fourteenth national titles in archery competition this past month. Erika set her latest national record while competing in the Female Junior Compound Division (for girls aged 12-15) at the National Archery Association's (NAA) Junior Olympic Archery Development (JOAD) Program National Indoor Championship tournament held in Wichita, Kansas on March 2, 2001. Her record-setting score of 598 out of 600 points possible, surpassed the previous record by 6 points. To put this in perspective, she shot 58 out of 60 arrows into a 4-centimeter diameter 10-ring from a distance of 18 meters. Because she scored a perfect 300-point round during the second half of the competition, Erika qualified to receive a Gold Olympian award, which is the NAA's highest honor for its JOAD Program archers. On March 3-4, she competed in the NAA's National Indoor Championship tournament, which was also held in Wichita, and won her division of competition with a score of 1,145 points.

On March 10-11, Erika competed in the National Field Archery Association's (NFAA) Midwest Indoor Sectional Tournament which was held in Columbus, Nebraska. She won this tournament for the sixth consecutive year while competing in the Youth Freestyle Division (ages 12-14) with first and second day scores of 300-58x and 300-56x, respectively. Out of 174 adult and youth archers from throughout the seven-state Midwestern region, Erika's two-day total aggregate score of 600-114x was the fifth highest score of the tournament. Her score was bested by only two out of the eight archers in the Adult Male Pro Division, the Adult Male Freestyle Division champion, and the winner of the Young Adult Male Freestyle Division of competition. In addition, her score tied the Adult Female Freestyle record for the NFAA's National Indoor Championship Tournament that was set ten years ago. To also put this in perspective, during two days of shooting, all 120 of Erika's arrows hit the 8-centimeter diameter bulls eye, @ with 114 of those shots hitting the inner X-ring, which measures only 4 centimeters in diameter.

Erika also competed in and won the Nebraska State Archery Association's Indoor Championship Tournament that was held in Omaha, Nebraska on March 17-18. During the tournament, she shot back-to-back scores of 300-52x. Her two-day total aggregate score of 600-104x was the highest score recorded by any of the 65 adult and youth archers that competed in the State tournament.

Erika is a sixth grade student at Barr Middle School in Grand Island. Along with archery,

she enjoys math, music, movies, and participating in other sports including gymnastics, soccer, and volleyball. Erika is the daughter of Steve and Jurita Anschutz who live in Grand Island. Steve is employed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Grand Island, and Jurita works for The Gallup Organization in Lincoln.