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NEWS RELEASE

10-YEAR-OLD GRAND ISLAND YOUTH WINS HER EIGHTH NATIONAL ARCHERY COMPETITION TITLE WHILE REWRITING THE RECORD BOOKS

Ten-year-old Erika Anschutz of Grand Island won her eighth national title at the National Field Archery Association's (NFAA) National Outdoor Championship tournament held near Watkins Glen, New York, during July 26-30. Erika competed in the Cub Female Freestyle division for girls aged 11 and under. It was a grueling, 5-day tournament laid out on five different 28-target courses of varying distances over rough, wooded terrain in the "Finger Lakes" region of western New York. During the course of winning the tournament, her scores set four national records and tied a fifth record. This brings the total number of national archery competition records that she holds to nine.

On the first day of the tournament, Erika shot a score of 557 out of a possible 560 points on the Field Round to set a new 1-day record for that Round. The second day of the Field Round was held on day three of the tournament, during which time she repeated her 557 score and broke another record by completing the 2-day Field Round with a combined score of 1,114 out of 1,120 total points possible.

The Hunter Rounds were shot on the second and fourth days of the tournament. Her combined 2-day Hunter Round scores of 553 and 559 (out of 560 points possible each day) resulted in her third record-breaking performance of the tournament. On the last day, she shot a perfect Animal Round score that tied the national record of 560 points and contributed to her 5-day tournament Aggregate score record of 2,786 out of 2,800 possible points.

To put this in perspective, during the 5-day tournament Erika shot 476 arrows at 140 different targets from distances of up to 30 yards and missed the bull's-eye only 14 times. Her records represent the highest achievement of any Cub Female Freestyle archer in the 54-year history of the NFAA's National Outdoor Championship tournament.

During March of this year, Erika established four other national archery competition records while winning her fifth and sixth titles at the National Archery Association's and NFAA's Indoor National Championships held in Naperville, Illinois and Tulsa, Oklahoma, respectively. Her seventh national archery competition title was won in May at the NFAA's National 3-D Championship tournament held in Blue Springs, Missouri.

Erika, who is the daughter of Steve and Jurita Anschutz, has been shooting and competing in archery tournaments for nearly 4 years. She will be a fifth grade student at Seedling Mile Elementary School this coming school year. In addition to archery, Erika enjoys reading and participating in other sports including gymnastics, basketball, soccer, and volleyball.