Water Association Announces Scholarship Awards

*Chris Laursen, Karry and Kyrre Stroh Will Each Receive $1000 Scholarships for 2007–2008 Academic Year*

The Wyoming Water Association is very pleased to acknowledge and announce the recipients of our 2007 scholarship competition. This year’s competition is the first time that the Association has been able to award three scholarships, allowed by the WWA Board of Directors increasing the number of awards from two to three during the November 2006 Board Meeting. Receiving $1,000 awards to assist them with their education expenses during the academic year beginning in the Fall of 2007 will be Christopher M. Laursen, Kary N. Stroh and Kyrre E. Stroh.

Christopher is the son of Dan and Denise Laursen of Powell, Wyoming. Chris is a May 2006 graduate of Powell High School and is currently enrolled at the University of Wyoming where he is majoring in Mechanical Engineering. During high school, Chris was awarded All-State and All-Conference honors in swimming and cross country multiple times and was a member of the National Honor Society. He was named to the U.W. College of Engineering Dean’s Freshman Honor Roll during the Fall 2006 semester. Chris serves on the UW Freshman Senate and is a member of the University of Wyoming Symphony Orchestra.

Karry and Kyrre Stroh, twin daughters of Rick and Klodette Stroh, are both recipients of WWA scholarship awards as well. Karry is a 2004 graduate of Powell High School. She has completed two years of college at Northwest Community College and is attending the University of Wyoming through the Outreach School. She is majoring in Agroecology and Pre-professional Science. Karry was involved with 4-H for ten years, received the State degree as the culmination of five-years of participation in the Future Farmers of America (FFA), and was named to the Northwest College Vice President’s Honor Roll for the Fall 2006 semester.

Kyrre graduated from Powell High School in 2004. She attended Northwest Wyoming Community College for two years and is pursuing a degree in Agroecology or Plant Biology/Range Management. She was a FFA member for five years and was awarded the State FFA Degree in April 2004 and the American FFA Degree at the 78th National FFA Convention in October 2005. Kyrre was named to the Northwest College Vice President’s Honor Roll for the Fall 2006 semester. She served three years on the Student Council in the Powell High School and was on the varsity soccer team during her freshman and sophomore years. Kyrre received an Academic Letter Award at P.H.S. during the 2003-2004 school year.

All three of these young adults have been active in their community. Karry and Kyrre served as volunteers for Absorka Head Start. Karry has assisted in organizing and filing records in the office of the State Division of Disabilities and served as a teacher’s aide at P.H.S. Both Karry and Kyrre have served in various capacities at St. Barbara’s Catholic Church. Christopher has served as a UW “Weeks of Welcome” volunteer and performed UW freshman community service activities, including building trails at the Curt Gowdy State Park.

Christopher, Karry and Kyrre will attend the WWA’s Annual Meeting Banquet (November 1st) during the upcoming 2007 Annual Meeting in Cheyenne where they will read their 500-word written essays on the topic, “How should Wyoming act to preserve our water for future generations?”

The Wyoming Water Association is pleased to recognize the past and ongoing accomplishments of these three young adults and to directly assist them, through the awarding of these scholarships, as they pursue college degrees.