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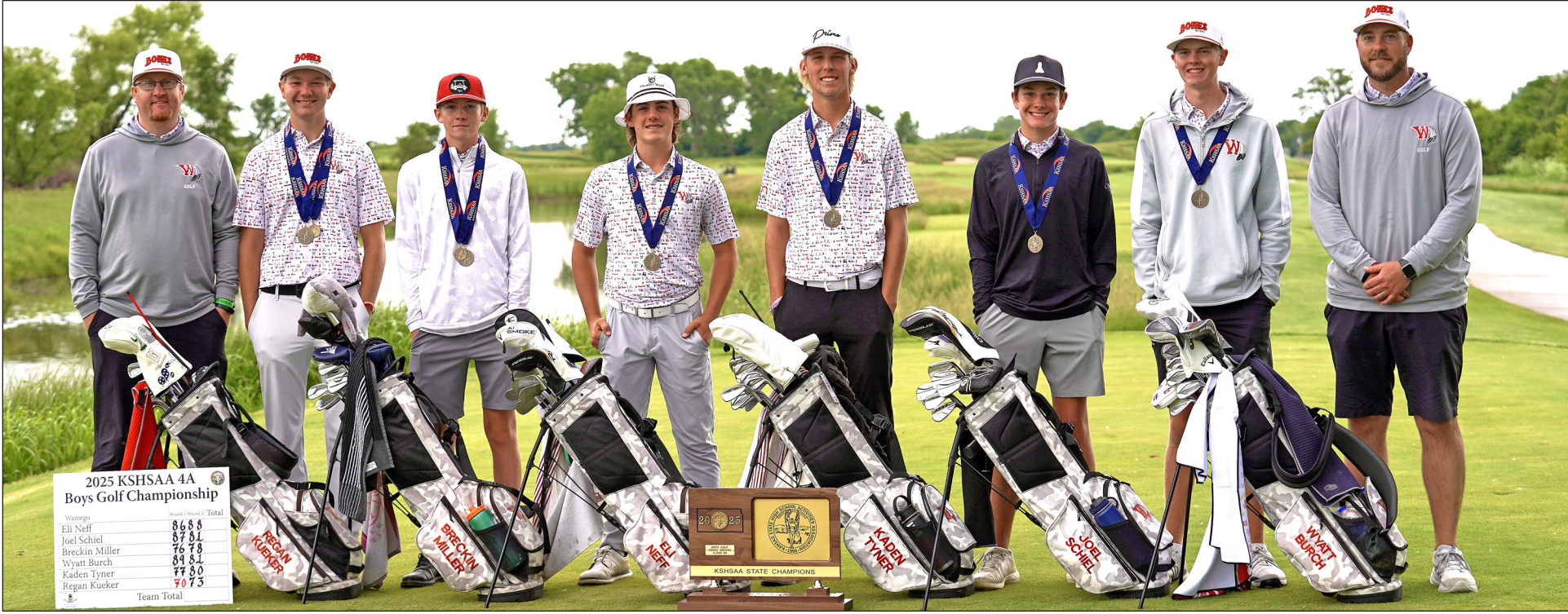
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The Wamego High School “Three-Peat” state championship team is: Coach Jason Shelangouski, Regan Kueker, Breckin Miller, Eli Neff, Kaden Tyner, Joel Schiel, Wyatt Burch and Coach Scott Kitch.

Raider golf ‘three-peats’ at state

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It’s a “Three-Peat” for the Wamego Red Raider golfers as they successfully defended their title last week at the 4A State Tournament held at Sand Creek Golf Course in Newton.

The effort was led by junior Regan Kueker, who placed second individually while earning his third team gold, having made his state debut as a freshman.

The season started off well, according to WHS Coach Scott Kitch, but not without its challenges.

“We lost three seniors from last year,” he said, “but these guys stepped in.” He said when the team shot the same score at the home tournament this year as they did last year, it was a big confidence boost.

Also, lots of players stepped up along the way. “As the season went on, we had different guys stepping up,” he said. “Sometimes it was Joel (Schiel), sometimes Eli (Neff) and then Wyatt (Burch) stepped up when we needed him for that third or fourth score.”

The season allowed the Raiders to continue their streak of never losing to a 4A team in a tournament that went full distance.

The wildcard for the state tournament was second place

Hayden, which bounced back to 4A this year, Kitch said. “Nobody had been talking about Hayden going into the tournament. It was about us, Circle and Independence. Hayden had been a 3A for the past several years.

At state, Wamego was the front runner after day one of play. “And then we got another nice lead after six or seven holes,” Kitch said. “Then, it just started dwindling away and Hayden started playing better. They were going the right way, we were going the wrong way. And, at one point, we were one down. We had blown the 13 or 14 stroke lead we had built. So, I made the decision to

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Area athletes bring home gold



Rock Creek’s 4x400m relay team on Saturday finished off the state meet in style, winning the 4A title. They are: Ayla Klingenberg, Kylee Frazee, Karli Reitz and Kennedy Whaley.



Wamego High School’s 4x800m relay team won the 4A state title and broke the meet and school records in the process. They are: Peyton Parker, Isaac ibendahl, Tony Shea and Braxton Williams.

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Area athletes brought home four championships and a slew of other medals last week from the Kansas State High School Activities Association All-Class Track Meet.

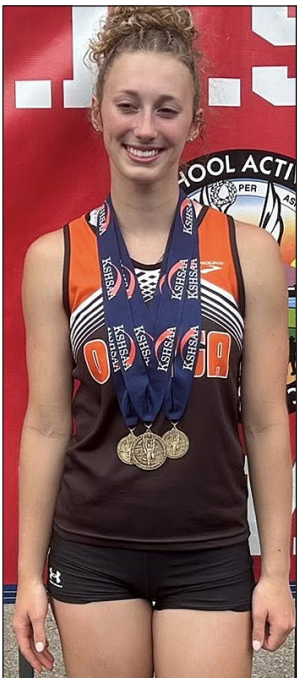
Wamego’s boys accounted for two of those championships.

Slade Smith jumped for a new personal record of 6’9” and broke his own school record along with earning state gold.

The boys 4x800m relay team of Peyton Parker, Isaac Ibendahl, Tony Shea and Braxton Williams kept a four year winning streak alive with Williams’ thrilling come-from-behind win for the gold in the anchor leg. In the process the team broke the meet – and school – record.

“Slade was the best jumper in 4A all season,” said WHS Coach Steve Fritz. “I was really excited for him to finish it off at the state meet with a new PR.

“The men’s 4x800m ran



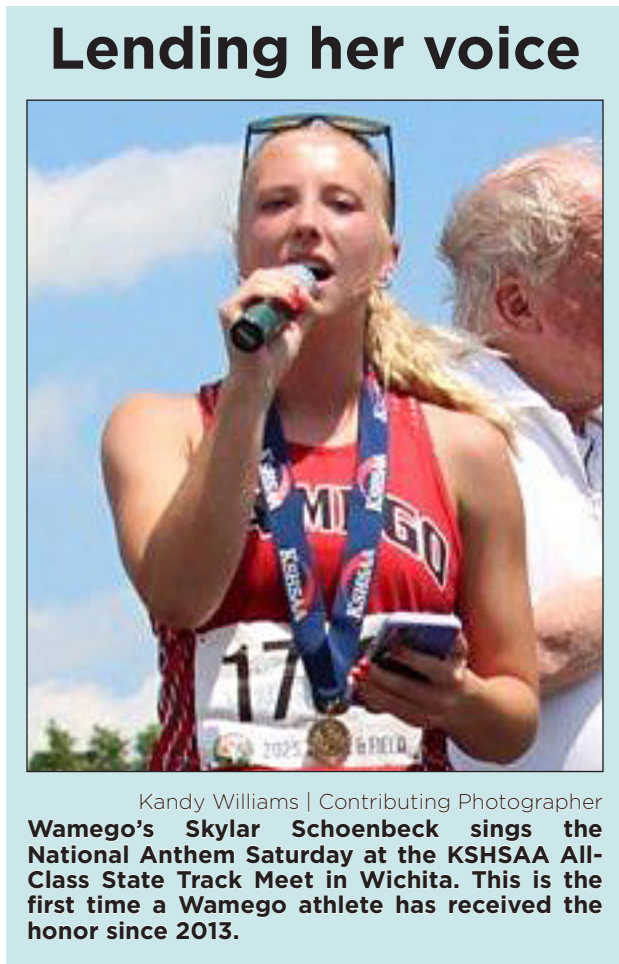
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Lillie Weiser, Onaga High School, is the state 1A Pole Vault Champion. She also medaled in the triple jump (third) and long jump (eighth) at the event.

incredibly,” he continued. “New school record, new state record, which they had to have since second

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Kandy Williams | Contributing Photographer
Raider senior Slade Smith leaps to a 4A gold medal Friday in the high jump at the KSHSAA All-Class State Meet.



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Wamego’s Skylar Schoenbeck sings the National Anthem Saturday at the KSHSAA All-Class State Track Meet in Wichita. This is the first time a Wamego athlete has received the honor since 2013.

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