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**FIRST PLACE FEMALE BREAKS RACE RECORD BY 23  
SECONDS AT THE SIXTEENTH ANNUAL  
GREAT BUFFALO CHASE 5K**

*Nearly \$16,000 to be donated to local V.F.W for city fireworks show*

**FRANKFORT, FRANKLIN COUNTY, KY (July 12, 2017)** – Despite the rain this Fourth of July, another record was broken at Buffalo Trace Distillery’s annual Great Buffalo Chase 5k, where the female record for best race time was broken by 23 seconds.

Mary Wacera was the first place female winner, with a time of 15 minutes and 26 seconds, which beat the women’s record for best race time, and lands her in the ranking for number five in the world! Since Wacera broke the female record, she received a \$1,000 bonus, bringing her total race winnings to \$4,000.

Silas Kipruto was the first place men’s winner, with a time of 14 minutes and three seconds. Kipruto received \$3,000 for his win.

The second place men’s winner was John Muritu Wanjiku with a time of 14 minutes and six seconds, followed by third place men’s winner Wilson Kibogo with a time of 14 minutes and eight seconds.

The second place women’s winner was Monicah Ngige with a time of 15 minutes and 29 seconds, which puts her in the ranking for number six in the world! Ngige was followed by third place women’s winner Emmaculate Chebet with a time of 16 minutes and nine seconds.

The second and third place winners for both sexes won \$2,500 and \$2,000 respectively.

One hundred percent of Buffalo Trace’s Great Buffalo Chase 5K proceeds go to the Frankfort area VFW, post 4075, which they in turn use toward putting on the

fireworks show for the city of Frankfort. This year it is expected Buffalo Trace will donate somewhere around \$16,000 to the local VFW.

The certified race route winds through Buffalo Trace's scenic grounds where runners pass by centuries-old barrel aging warehouses on the National Historic Landmark site.

Prior to the race, Michael Preacely from the University of Kentucky School of Music sang the national anthem, and throughout the event, WKYT television news anchor Amber Philpott acted as the emcee.

After the race, an award ceremony was held for the top male and female runners as well as for each age group. Cash prizes and trophies were awarded to the top male and female runners, and trophies were given to the top runners in each age group to commemorate their win.

Complete 5K race results can be viewed at <http://buffalotracedistillery.com/content/great-buffalo-chase-5k-race-results>

To view live video, recorded the day of the race, and to see photos from the race, visit the [Buffalo Trace Distillery Facebook page](#) and view posts with the hashtag #ChaseTheBuffalo.

### **About Buffalo Trace Distillery**

Buffalo Trace Distillery is an American family-owned company based in Frankfort, Franklin County, Kentucky. The Distillery's rich tradition dates back to 1773 and includes such legends as E.H. Taylor, Jr., George T. Stagg, Albert B. Blanton, Orville Schupp, and Elmer T. Lee. Buffalo Trace Distillery is a fully operational Distillery producing bourbon, rye and vodka on site and is a National Historic Landmark as well as is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The Distillery has won 17 distillery titles since 2000 from such notable publications as *Whisky Magazine*, *Whisky Advocate Magazine* and *Wine Enthusiast Magazine*. It was named "Brand Innovator of the Year" by *Whisky Magazine* at its Icons of Whisky America Awards 2015. Buffalo Trace Distillery has also garnered more than 300 awards for its wide range of premium whiskies. To learn more about

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