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**MORE THAN 800 RUNNERS TURN OUT FOR  
THE SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL GREAT BUFFALO CHASE 5K**

*Nearly \$17,000 to be donated to local V.F.W for city fireworks show*

**FRANKFORT, FRANKLIN COUNTY, KY (July 10, 2018)** – One of the hottest days of the year didn't stop this annual 5k on the Fourth of July. The Buffalo Chase 5K takes runners through the aging bourbon barrels and this year on a different route. The route was no challenge for these top runners who had incredible times.

The first place men's winner is the reigning champ, Silas Kipruto, with a time of 14 minutes and 2.6 seconds. Kipruto won last year and again this year receiving \$3,000 for his win.

Following Kipruto, but not by much, the second place men's winner was Edwin Kibichiz with a time of 14 minutes and 2.7 seconds, followed by third place men's winner Cleophas Ngetich with a time of 14 minutes and three seconds.

Mary Wacera was the first place female winner, with a time of 15 minutes and 52 seconds. Wacera received \$3,000 for her win.

The second place women's winner was Monicah Ngige with a time of 15 minutes and 55 seconds. Ngige was followed by third place women's winner Vicoty Chepngeno with a time of 15 minutes and 57 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 \$17,000 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, Logan Spears, a grad student at the University of Kentucky sang the national anthem. Spears just recently starred in "It's a Grand Night for Singing" at the University of Kentucky Opera Theatre. 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 21 distillery titles since 2000 from such notable publications as Whisky Magazine, Whisky Advocate Magazine and Wine Enthusiast Magazine. Its Col. E. H. Taylor, Jr. Four Grain Bourbon was named World Whiskey of the Year by "Jim Murray's Whiskey Bible 2018." Buffalo Trace Distillery has also garnered more than 500 awards for its wide range of premium whiskies. To learn more about Buffalo Trace Distillery visit [www.buffalotracedistillery.com](http://www.buffalotracedistillery.com). To download images from Buffalo Trace Distillery visit <http://www.buffalotracedistillery.com/media>

