



Fox & Bull Baking Co. opened in late July at 10510 Grandview Rd. in Kansas City. It serves as a retail and wholesale bakery. Photo by Kady Cramer

FOX AND BULL BAKERY BRINGS LIFE TO BIRCHWOOD HILLS SHOPPING STRIP

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[Fox and Bull Bakery](#), 10510 Grandview Rd, saw overwhelming crowds during their grand opening the last weekend in July, selling out in under three hours. Previously known for their pastries in the recently rebranded Prefix coffee shop, Fox and Bull has expanded into their own storefront, featuring original pastry recipes, breads, salads, and sandwiches.

Co-owners Christopher Fox Wilson (*the Fox*) and Daniel Del Toro (*the Bull*) met in the spring of 2020 while working at Prefix, then called Café Main in the Red Bridge International House of Prayer facility. Wilson grew up interested in baking – his grandmother owned her own catering company and his father loved to cook. Del Toro had recently graduated with a degree in business. The two immediately hit it off and by the fall they had established their own LLC, planning to launch their own bakery.



(L-R) Co-owners Christopher Fox Wilson (the Fox) and Daniel Del Toro (the bull) opened Fox and Bull on July 30. Photo by Kady Cramer

“It was always the plan for it to grow out of Prefix,” says Wilson. “The [Prefix] owners are good friends of ours and they allowed us to incubate in the space while we helped them expand their food and pastry program.”

The Fox and Bull storefront, however, would be a project all its own. Leased in December of 2021, a full seven-month remodel would be underway by January 2022.

“The building was vacant for years, so it was in rough shape when we got it,” says Wilson’s wife, Audrey. “It was basically just four walls when we got in.”

Wilson and Del Toro took on most of the remodel themselves – completing demos, framing, drywall, painting, and simple plumbing and electrical projects before hiring on Obsidian KC to finish permit work and major projects such as HVAC. All the appliances and fixtures are also new to the space.



The building was a former gas station that had sat vacant for years. Photo by Fox and Bull

“The only usable equipment in the building was a three-bay sink that still needed repair,” continues Audrey.

Fox and Bull has partnered with several local businesses for their ingredients and offerings including coffee shop Notion – launching their very own blend called Fox and Bull. The blend features notes of cranberry, orange, and cocoa, and can be purchased whole bean or as drip coffee.

Ingredient partners include VAIN Foods who mix high-quality spirits and vanilla beans sourced from across the world, and Marion Milling – based in the West Bottoms – whose stone ground local and regional grains are sourced at fair price from heartland farmers.



The newly opened Fox and Bull bakery features original recipe, homemade pastries, sandwiches and salads.

The community's response seems to be unanimously positive.

"We are thrilled to have them come in here," says Birchwood Hills HOA President Tim Henry. "It is a tremendous asset to the neighborhood. They're occupying a space that has just been an obnoxious part for many years."

Henry has lived in the Birchwood area for over 50 years and has seen the shopping strip have its ups and downs.

"We've got a good neighborhood here and we need more commercial development to draw people in and we're hoping this will be a great start," continues Henry.



The renovated dining area. Photo by Kady Cramer

Fox and Bull's pastries can be found in several cafés across the metro, providing wholesale menus to both Prefix locations in Grandview, Tall Trellis brewery in Olathe, and My Play Café in Lees Summit. They also pop up at local Farmers Markets in Lenexa and Overland Park.

"As we get our feet under us, we'll introduce a larger selection of breads and bagels as well as sandwiches," says Wilson. "As we get established here, we might also look into getting more wholesale accounts."

Fox and Bull will be open Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and Sunday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, visit foxandbullkc.com.