If you are old like me you remember Lemmons being a crowded neighborhood restaurant and bar featuring fried chicken that you would pass on your way to the Bevo Mill. Then the restaurant was overshadowed as it became more of a bar and neighborhood tavern.

Since 2014 Lemmons has had a new life thanks to the Grbic family. The place was gutted. It is no longer a “bar” but a neighborhood place with a modest menu with modest prices.

We were there on a Saturday between lunch and dinner. Tuesday thru Friday they are open at 4. On Saturday it is NOON-to11.

The place has received favorable reviews from the Riverfront Time and the Post-Dispatch.

We met a couple there on Saturday. There was just a table of eight (counting kids) and us. At that table the conversation was going back and forth between English and Bosnian. The place in no longer a beer and sports bar, but there were a number of large screen TVs. Instead of a basketball game or the PGA at Pebble Beach the TV’s were featuring roaring fires.
The place was a bit of a contradiction. The menu was a single one-sided piece of paper. But there were cloth napkins on the table. The food is mostly American with a little German, Italian and some with a Balkan twist.

The Grbic parents are from Bosnia, but their kids who run the place were born in St. Louis and went to school here. The kids and other staff members were very pleasant and gracious.
We should have been a little more diverse in our ordering.

My wife went with the Smoked Chicken Wings ($10) and the Tomato Bisque soup ($5).
The chicken wings were very good. The soup was excellent. The same bowl of soup at a restaurant on the Hill would have cost $8 instead of $5.

This was a bad thing to do, but two of use ordered the Chuck Roast Sandwich ($13). Our waiter said it was very popular.

It was big enough I cut it in half before trying it, planning to take half home. I bit into the sandwich expecting the flavor of the meat and the onions. I got almost nothing, not even the cheese had much taste to it.
The best of this plate were the hand cut French fries. They were gone before the half-of-a-sandwich was. The next night I had the second half at home heating up the meat and cheese and tossing the bun. It still did not do much for me.

The other entre ordered was the Flatbread Sausage ($9). That was gone in minutes.

I would not call Lemmons a “destination” place where it is worth the drive from West County. However if you are thinking about going to dinner with friends from South County or South City it would be a fine choice.