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McLean County Chamber of Commerce
2203 E. Empire St
Bloomington, IL 61704

To the Chamber:

I understand that Prairie Woodworks of Downs, Illinois has been nominated for this year's Small Business award. They would be most deserving of being honored with this prestigious award.

The founders of Prairie Woodworks wanted to do special woodworking for unique needs or ideas that could be fabricated primarily in wood and they accomplished that over several decades. My wife and I are fortunate to be the beneficiaries of that special expertise and motivation in several projects over those years at our now 46-year-old home and more importantly at our offices and plant at Beer Nuts, Inc in Bloomington. Ross Ambuehl and his team, the next generation of ownership and artisans, has continued Prairie's high-quality standard of craftsmanship and is taking it to two new levels. Their workmanship is for lifetime and even beyond projects. This has been recognized and enjoyed by customers far and wide as well as continuing projects here in the County i.e. exhibits at our McLean County Museum of History. Their work is remarkable.

Prairie Woodworks is a special gem of our community and deserves recognition by the Chamber - -
---- endorsing what has already been recognized by their many satisfied, returning customers. I personally look forward to our next project with Prairie Woodworks.

Thank you for nominating and hopefully showcasing their exceptional work.

James A Shirk

President/CEO – Beer Nuts, Inc and
Bloomington Homeowner