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'People don't notice whether it's winter or summer when they're happy.'

- Anton Chekhov



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COVER: NEAR BEECH MOUNTAIN, NC



from my desk

MEMORIES, MOMENTS AND MOTTOS BY NEVILLE CHANEY

Happy New Year! As I move through life, each new year has been special and has held special memories. The new year always brings back memories of meeting my beautiful wife at a party 59 years ago. It also brings on memories of family gatherings, personal resolutions for creating positive changes, and for business – reflections of last year and setting goals for the new year.

As many of you recall, my life changed at the end of last year. I fell on some ice behind our office the day after Christmas. My leg was broken in four places and took on a shape I will never forget. Fortunately, I had my cell phone with me and dialed 911. Surgery was performed and rehab began. I needed someone to place my legs on or off the bed for the next two weeks.

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from my desk

'I AM VERY GRATEFUL TO OUR STAFF AND TO OUR CUSTOMERS WHO HELPED US TO HAVE OUR BEST YEAR ON RECORD.'

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When you have long periods of forced inactivity you have a lot of time for reflection. In previous times I remember telling others "I need more time to just THINK." In 2023 I had plenty of time to think about business, life, and my blessings. We fortunately have created a culture at WJ Office in which everyone is pulling in the same direction and fills in the gaps. From a wheelchair, bed, or recliner, much of my communication with our staff continued. My personal presence, that I always felt was necessary for so many years, proved to be a fallacy. WJ Office was a BUSINESS --not just a place for the owner to go to a job. I am very grateful to our staff and to our customers who helped us to have our best year on record. Celebrating our 47th year in business was special too.

For many of you who have had surgery, you know that the completion of surgery may not be "it." In my case this was true as well. This was my first broken bone and five months into my rehab, significant pain in my leg led me to another Xray at the surgeon's office. Two of the four screws had broken! In my mind I had planned on being back in my normal activities by this point. What was next? A different doctor. Different treatment. More physical therapy. More reflective time.

One thing that was consistent was pain. Each step. Each day. I've told my friends that when I was young and athletic, my motto was "no pain, no gain." Now, after this incident, my new motto is "no pain, no pain!" After six months with the new doctor and some different protocols the pain was still there. So, on the anniversary of my first leg surgery, I underwent surgery again on that leg. The doctor removed the old rod, screws and their remnants, and replaced it with a larger titanium rod, six new titanium screws, and performed some other tricks of the trade aimed at promoting faster healing and NO PAIN.

2023 came with other pain – and reflection. Like every other year, I lost some very dear friends in 2023 and the first part of 2024. The realization that we all need to stay in touch with those who mean a lot to us is more important than ever. I pray that 2024 will bring better health for me and those who I love. I am also determined to be a better friend and to reach out to folks that I have not heard from for some time. I would encourage each of you to reflect on your life and relationships because we never know when the next "sheet of ice" will be in our path or in the path of those we love.

Happy New Year and blessings to each of you!

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THE BREAKROOM OASIS

THE MOST BELOVED ASPECTS OF OFFICE BREAKROOMS

In the fast-paced world of corporate life, office breakrooms serve as sanctuaries where employees can unwind, recharge, and foster a sense of community. These communal spaces are more than just areas to grab a cup of coffee; they play a pivotal role in enhancing workplace culture and boosting employee satisfaction. Let's delve into the most popular things that employees appreciate about office breakrooms.

Coffee and Refreshments: The Elixir of Productivity

Coffee, tea, and refreshments are the lifeblood of any breakroom. Employees appreciate having access to quality beverages that help kickstart their day or provide a midday pick-me-up. A well-stocked coffee station can be a source of joy for caffeine enthusiasts and a vital element in fostering a positive work environment.

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Healthy Snack Options: Fueling Productivity

Gone are the days of bland vending machine fare. Modern breakrooms are stocked with healthy snack options, catering to the wellness trend that many employees prioritize. From Nutri-Grain breakfast bars to Ramen Noodles these choices not only satisfy hunger but also contribute to overall well-being.

Comfortable Seating Areas: A Breather Between Tasks

Breakrooms with comfortable seating areas offer employees a chance to take a break from their desks and relax. Whether it's a cozy couch or ergonomic chairs, these spaces provide a welcome change of scenery, allowing employees to recharge their mental batteries and return to work with renewed focus.

Personalization and Aesthetics: Creating a Homey Atmosphere

Breakrooms that reflect the personality of the employees and the company contribute to a more inviting atmosphere. Personal touches, such as artwork, plants, or themed decorations, help create a space where employees feel comfortable and at home.

Flexible Workspaces: Encouraging Collaboration

Breakrooms designed with flexibility in mind can serve as impromptu meeting spaces. This adaptability encourages spontaneous collaboration, allowing employees to discuss ideas in a more relaxed setting. Breakrooms become hubs of creativity and innovation

Quiet Zones: A Retreat for Focus

In bustling office environments, having designated quiet zones within breakrooms can be a godsend for employees seeking a moment of solitude. Whether it's for focused work or a brief meditation session, these areas cater to different preferences and workstyles.

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Sam Holmes

So this is Sam Holmes. He's been with WJ Office since March 2021 and he serves as a specialist in transactional furniture, office supplies and breakroom products. His territory runs across Avery, Watauga, Ashe, Caldwell, Burke and Catawba counties, and for pleasure, Sam has fallen in love with jogging the mountain trails near his home in neighboring Ashe County.

Born and raised in Texas, Sam earned his degree in Political Science at the University of Houston (with honors). It was there where he met his future wife, Abigail. The two moved to North Carolina shortly after college - during the pandemic.

Fortunately, Abigail's parents had a vacation home in the mountains nearby and both of them found meaningful employment not long after their relocation.

"I'd never heard of Boone before, but when we came to live here, I really appreciated what it had to offer," Sam says. "It was tough to find a job during a pandemic, but I was glad to have found the opportunity to join WJ. I'm not in the office all day. I'm typically out and about meeting people, and I'm never doing the exact same thing week after week."

That's the short version of Sam's story here at WJ. Yet with his own interest in history, literature and writing, there's undoubtedly more storytelling in his future. After all, as he says, "Time is a great filter for literature."

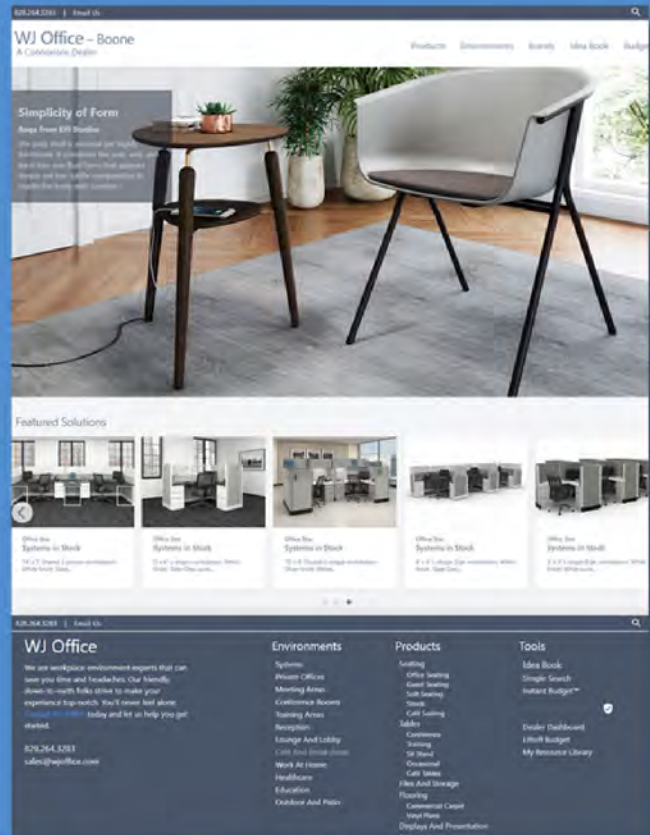


your space

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