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February 5 - Valentine's Day

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February 19 - Senior Citizens'

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March 5 - Spring Antiques & St. Patrick's Day

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March 19 - Spring Home Improvement, Think Spring & Go Fishing

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April 2 - Spring Motorcycle/Car Care & 53rd CNY Maple Fest

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April 16 - Pre-Mother's Day, Lawn/Garden & Easter

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Deadline 5/9

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BUMPER STICKER OF THE ISSUE

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3. What are the traditional and modern gifts for a first wedding anniversary?
4. The song known as "Here Comes The Bride" by Wagner is actually officially titled what?

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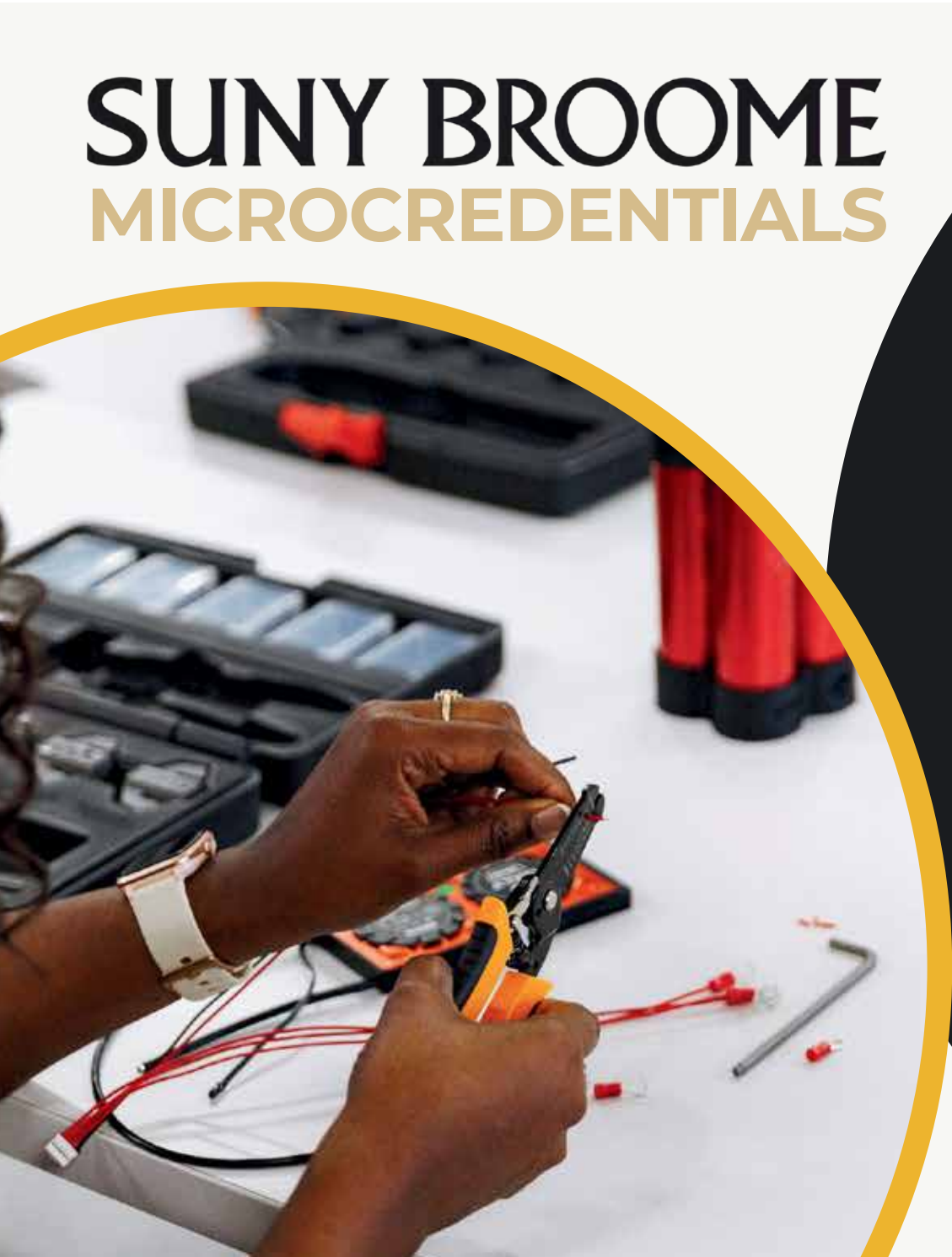
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By 1910, the business covered three acres and ran from Railroad Street (now Central Avenue) to Port Watson Street. Benton's residence was a beautiful brick house at 79 Railroad Street (still standing), and the business was located at 85 Railroad Street.

Benton was a wise businessman, and in 1877, he added a planing mill to expand his lumber business. Resources from 1910 say that his was the only planing mill in Cortland, so a lack of competition helped him build a strong business. Benton Lumber carried all manner of lumber, flooring, wainscoting, windows, shingles, sash, blinds, inside trim, and more. The lumber yard was situated at the corner of the S.B. & N.Y. Railroad and had a capacity to receive 12 cars on a side-track into the lumber yard. The property accommodated storage sheds and the planing mill, and in 1883, the business was handling three and a half to four million feet of lumber a year.

It seems that all good things must come to an end, and Benton Lumber was no exception. Henry Benton retired from the business in 1899, leaving it to his partners O.A. Kinney and S.W. Sherwood. Sherwood died in 1915, and the business was then handled by Kinney, who operated it until his death in 1928, when his wife and son, D. LaMont Kinney, took over. In 1938, the business ended a 72-year run.



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Our history

The 1890 House Museum was the home of Chester Wickwire, a Cortland Industrialist. The Wickwire Bros. was a large company that made window screening, fences, and nails. Chester built this home in 1890 for his wife Ardell and his sons Charles and Fredric. The Wickwire's home was a true family home of hustle and bustle. The boys had a basset hound



and an African gray parrot. As an adult, Fredric moved into the home with his wife Marion and raised his four children there. A Wickwire always occupied the house until Marion's death in 1973. A lot of life happened in this home, and it still loves a good party! Despite its grand appearance, the house has an intimacy and beauty that resonates with all who visit. Chester and Ardell would happily invite you into their home and be honored for you to make your own memories here.

Your memories

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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- AGAPE Family Fun Day at Pottery Works - Jan 25 - Cortland Corset Building, 75 E Court Street, Cortland
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- Ithaca Farmers Market - Jan 25 - 2255 North Triphammer, Ithaca
- Paint & Sip - Jan 30 - Virgil Community Living Center, 1208 Church Street, Cortland
- Writer's Workshop - Feb 2 - Cortland ReUse, 186 Homer Avenue, Cortland
- Whittling in the Woods Workshop - Feb 8 - Lime Hollow Nature Center, 3277 Gracie Road, Cortland
- Being Prepared: 115 Years of Boy Scouts in Central NY - Feb 8 - CNY Living History Center - 4386 US Rte. 11, Cortland
- Star Crossed Love - Feb 15 - Cortland Repertory Theater, 24 Port Watson Street, Cortland
- Irish Italian Festival - Feb 22 - Gators, 83 Owego Street, Cortland
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FOR LLCs AND CORPORATIONS: COURT INJUNCTION—FILE YOUR FINCEN BOI REPORT NOW OR WAIT?

MANY OWNERS OF LLCs OR small corporations are still not aware of the following filing requirement created by Congress in 2021 that had the support of both President Trump and incoming President Biden.

Here's an update on the Corporate Transparency Act (CTA) and its beneficial ownership information (BOI) reporting requirements. The Act's intention is to root out bad actors and terrorists who own LLCs and corporations. Recent legal developments have created uncertainty around filing deadlines, and it's important to understand your options and responsibilities.

Background on the CTA

The CTA requires many smaller corporations and LLCs to file a BOI report with FinCEN, identifying and providing contact information for the individuals who own or control the entity.



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Initially, businesses in existence before 2024 were required to file by January 1, 2025, while new businesses formed in 2024 had a 90-day filing deadline. However, recent court rulings have disrupted these deadlines.

Penalties for Non-compliance

Failure to file on time, when court injunction is lifted, can result in significant penalties, including fines of \$591 per day, a potential \$10,000 criminal penalty, and up to two years in prison.

Current Status

As of January 1, 2025, a nationwide injunction is in place, delaying all BOI filing requirements. While the injunction is active, you are not required to file a BOI report, and no penalties apply for non-filing. The injunction impacts the following entities:

- Businesses formed before 2024 with a January 1, 2025, deadline
- New businesses formed in 2024 with a 90-day filing deadline
- Businesses with changes requiring updates to previously filed reports

Voluntary Filing Option

Although filing is not currently required, you may file voluntarily. This can simplify compliance by avoiding last-minute deadlines if the injunction is lifted. Should the injunction end, deadlines may resume with little notice, so being prepared is essential.

Go to FinCEN.gov/BOI to file your report. It takes about 10 minutes to complete. You will need the legal name of your entity, its tax ID number (EIN), and a digital scan or photo of the front of each owner's drivers license. There is a short video, a guide and Q & A to help answer your questions on the BOI website.

Takeaways

While the CTA remains under judicial review, you are not obligated to file your BOI report. But it may be prudent to prepare now by gathering the necessary information. If you have already filed, no further action is needed unless there are reportable changes.

Recommendation

Penalties for non-compliance are fierce. Consider filing the BOI report now. Be aware that if there are changes to owners, addresses and driver's licenses, the BOI report must be updated within 30 days.

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Contestants with their organization's membership seek pledges per pancake. The Maple Festival even pledges \$2 for every pancake eaten too! "It is our way of giving back to those who support us" said Co-Chair Paige Parker.

To enter, send a post card or letter to CNY Pancake Eating Contest, P.O. Box 291, Marathon, NY 13803. Only 10 seats at the pancake eating table, which is in the Marathon High School Auditorium, so get your entry in now. Include contestant's name, address, phone, the sponsoring organization and it's address, with a contact person and phone. Those accepted will be contacted.

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CREATURE FEATURE SNOWY OWL, GHOST OF THE TUNDRA

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Inhabitants of the tundra north of the Arctic Circle most or all of the year, some snowy owls regularly migrate over the winter to southern Canada and parts of New York and New England; and, during some years, in response to prey shortages (particularly lemmings), some of the birds drift southward in an 'irruptive' behavior – appearing during some winters, but not others. One snowy may eat over 1,600 lemmings each year! This owl also hunts other rodents, hares, waterfowl,

and other birds. Several winters back, a snowy was observed hunting pigeons near an Otisco dairy farm.

Some snowy owls are being spotted in New York this winter. They are attracted to flat, wide-open places (agricultural fields, shorelines, airports...) that offer higher vantage points (fence posts, hay bales, boulders, outbuildings...) where they perch, watching for prey. They spend a lot of time just sitting and surveilling, whether perched or simply sitting on the snow-covered ground, where they are extremely well-camouflaged.

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LAST ISSUE'S PUZZLES

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THIS ISSUE'S TRIVIA ANSWERS

1. It was thought that a vein in that finger led directly to the heart.
2. And a silver sixpence in your shoe.
3. Traditional - paper. Modern - clocks.
4. Bridal Chorus

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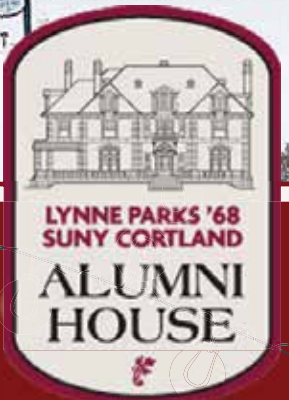
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