

## GM Corner

### eGovernment is everywhere

*You may want to drive a car with a specialty license plate, and if you drive that car too fast you can pay your speeding ticket online. If you are fixing up your house, your electrician can get a permit online in a matter of minutes. In April taxes were due and 70% of Nebraskans chose to pay their taxes electronically. Many worked with a Certified Public Accountant who renewed their license online with the State of Nebraska. These are just a few examples indicating how eGovernment is truly everywhere.*

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## New & Improved

The Commission for the Deaf and of Hearing's website has a NEW look



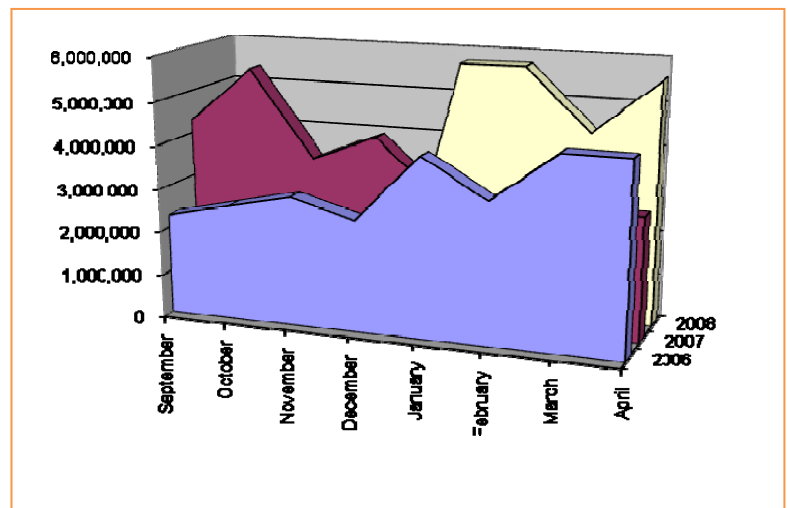
Go to: <http://www.ncdhh.ne.gov/>  
to check it out.

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## MAKING the GRADE

### Portal Visit History



### Visits to Nebraska.gov

Month	Year	% Change 2007
April	2008	5,603,759

% Network Uptime	Average Response Time
99.831 %	1.514 seconds

## Services in the SPOTlight

### Electronic Filing (E-filing) Available Now in Sarpy County Court

E-filing of civil cases in Sarpy County Court is available today on a 24x7x365 basis. The following case subtypes can be electronically filed at no additional expense as a Nebraska.gov subscriber, Contract-Unspecified, Miscellaneous-Transcribed Judgments, and Real Property-Landlord/Tenant.

The system also allows for subsequent filings on existing cases of these types, even if they were not originally electronically filed.

The Nebraska Administrative Office of the Courts and Nebraska.gov have developed a new system for the purpose of E-filing certain cases types in Nebraska County Courts. Sarpy County Court has taken the lead in this project and is the first County Court to offer this service.

Nebraska.gov subscribers who are members of the Nebraska State Bar Association are eligible to use the E-filing system. There are no additional fees to file a case electronically other than the normal court assessed fees for filing cases. Once logged in to the E-filing web site, users are presented with simple fill-in screens that document the case type and party information for the case being filed. Documents being submitted to the court are uploaded in PDF format.

Once the filing is completed and submitted it appears in a clerk review interface for the court to view. Upon acceptance, the filing is inserted in to JUSTICE (The state's case and financial management system). An email is generated and sent to the filer notifying them of the case number and the date and timestamp of the e-filed case.

A demonstration of how to e-file a case is available at Nebraska.gov at the following URL:  
[www.nebraska.gov/courts/efile/demo/](http://www.nebraska.gov/courts/efile/demo/)

Beginning in May 2008, E-filing of civil cases in Lancaster District Court will be available on the following case subtypes:

- Dissolution of Marriage
- Contract Disputes
- Contract Disputes - Other
- Miscellaneous Civil
- Negligence-Malpractice
- Negligence-Other
- Negligence-Vehicular
- Paternity
- Paternity-Private Attorney

This project is scheduled to continue and expand to many more Nebraska Trial Courts throughout 2008 and 2009.

### Nebraska Liquor Control Commission Streamlines Process for Beer Wholesalers

Nebraska.gov and the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission have worked together to create an online reporting system for beer wholesalers that will simplify the submission and reporting process for both the distributors and the commission.

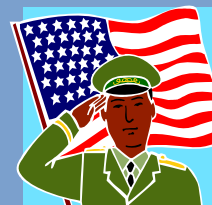
Currently, beer wholesalers in Nebraska are required to mail in monthly reports which detail the inventory, purchases, transactions and taxes for the wholesalers. The new system will offer an option for filing these reports online.

"We are anxious to have the wholesalers submit their reports using the online system. This will not only streamline the process for the users, but also for the commission staff as well," said Hobert Rupe, Executive Director for the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission.

"The distributors have asked for a new system and we place a high value on being responsive to the needs of our customers," said Deb Jacobson, Revenue Division Manager. "This user-friendly system was designed with those customers in mind."

The Liquor Commission Control currently offers an online payment system for license renewals and tax payments. A spirits and wine online reporting system for distributors is currently in development. "Our Commission will continue to offer more services online," said Rupe. "We look forward to working with Nebraska.gov to reach our goal of providing more efficient ways for our users and staff to conduct everyday business."

*Memorial Day  
May 26<sup>th</sup>*



## Service Update

### Nebraska CPA and CPA firms license renewal application continues to be a great success!

#### ***Nebraska CPA License Renewal Period Now Underway and Runs through May 31***

The Nebraska Board of Public Accountancy has launched a new service that allows CPAs and CPA firms to renew their licenses online. This service first launched in May 2007, but just as a soft release. The service can be accessed through the state's official Web portal at <http://www.nebraska.gov> or directly at <http://www.nbpa.ne.gov>.

"This new service is provided as a convenience to our licensees", said Dan Sweetwood, Executive Director of the Nebraska Board of Public Accountancy. "CPAs and CPA firms can simply log into the service and within a few short minutes know with certainty that their license renewals have been processed successfully."

The CPA license renewal period is now underway and runs through May 31. The online license-renewal program is the fastest and easiest way for CPAs and CPA firms to complete their renewals. In order to complete a renewal, the CPA and/or CPA firm are asked to answer a few validation questions and then use the secure login to update their information. Once they complete the application, they can pay their renewal fee in easy-to-follow steps. Visa and MasterCard are processed through <http://www.Nebraska.gov>'s secure payment processor. New licenses are mailed once the Board has accepted the renewal application.

"This service allows busy CPAs and CPA firms to renew their licenses any time day or night," said Sweetwood. "So far, the response has been overwhelmingly positive."

The license renewal program was built by the Board in partnership with <http://www.Nebraska.gov>.



#### **What the users had to say:**

"Easy and convenient to complete."

"Very user friendly! Thanks for adding the flexibility to complete online."

"Thank you for moving toward online renewal. It is very useful and efficient."

"I'm getting used to doing things online so this seems to be the natural progression in the method to do renewals."

"Excellent, easy to use, instructions understandable."

"It was very easy to complete and much easier than sending in the paperwork."

"This online renewal process is very helpful to me since I am living in a different state."

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**Public voting begins for the  
Nebraska Spirit Art Contest  
May 12– May 23**

Go to: <http://www.nebraska.gov/contest/>  
to vote for your favorite finalist now.

Winners will be announced May 27<sup>th</sup>.



**Newsletter Suggestions**

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