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NEPA Plans \$13M Olive Branch Site

- Northcentral Electric Power Association, NEPA, plans to spend \$13 million to move headquarters to its satellite office in Olive Branch, MS from current headquarters of Byhalia, MS
- NEPA currently serves 100,000 people in Byhalia, Olive Branch, and a portion of Southaven with hopes of growing the company at its new location
- The new site of 20 acres will provide more space to store utility trucks and company equipment

<http://www.clarionledger.com/article/20090715/BIZ/90715003/NEPA+plans++13M+Olive+Branch+site>

Coast Electric Breaks Ground

- Coast Electric Power Association has broken ground on a new facility in Kiln, MS
- This new 36,453 square feet complex will be located on Highway 603, which will be more convenient to the company's 3 county service areas
- Construction plans expect the project to be finished in December 2010

<http://www.msbusiness.com/article.cfm?ID=8661>

Peavy Product Wins Another Award

- Peavey Electronics in Meridian, MS has been honored by Guitar World Magazine
- The company received a Gold Award for Overall Value on its UYPYR 75 model guitar amp
- This product also won the Instrument Amplifier of the Year award and Amplifier Line of the Year

<http://www.msbusiness.com/article.cfm?ID=8643>

Training Unit Coming to Keesler

- The U.S. Air Force decided to base its new Undergraduate Training unit at Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi, MS
- This training will include how to design, secure, assess, exploit, attack, and defend various communication networks
- The first class is expected to begin in 2010 with about 615 students

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Coast Showed Governors a Good Time

- Mississippi Gulf Coast hosted the National Governor's Association Meeting last weekend at the Biloxi Coliseum
- Governor Haley Barbour's organizational team has been working since 2005 in bringing this convention to Mississippi, but Hurricane Katrina postponed those plans
- The convention brought about 1,000 visitors including: the governors, families and staff, and media

<http://www.sunherald.com/casinos/story/1472594.html>

New Entry in Wireless Market in NE Mississippi

- Local businessmen have tapped into the wireless market in Northeast Mississippi opening Jack Monkey Wireless, a premier retailer for Verizon Wireless
- The first store opened last month in New Albany and the second location opened recently in Tupelo
- Jack Monkey Wireless is additionally looking into a location in Southaven as well as a second location in Tupelo

http://nems360.com/pages/full_story/push?article-New+entry+in+wireless+market+in+Northeast+Mississippi%20&id=2963524-New+entry+in+wireless+market+in+Northeast+Mississippi&instance=secondary_story_left_column

Steel Company Plan Lowndes Plant

- Mississippi Processing Steel could bring a \$15 million investment and the eventual creation of 50 jobs to Lowndes County
- Construction for this new 160,000 square feet plant will begin in September
- The facility will be built on 20 acres in two phases with completion expected 6 months after the September groundbreaking

<http://www.clarionledger.com/article/20090717/BIZ/90717012/Steel+company+plans+Lowndes+plant>

