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Table games started at three casinos

WILKES-BARRE (AP) — Gamblers looking to play craps, poker and other table games in Pennsylvania now have more venues to choose from.

The Mohegan Sun and Mount Airy casinos in northeastern Pennsylvania and the Hollywood Casino outside Harrisburg began offering table games Tuesday, joining three western Pennsylvania complexes that last week opened the state's first tables.

Within minutes of the ribbon cutting in Harrisburg, several blackjack tables were filled as Hollywood Casino vice president and general manager Frank Quigley looked on. The casino has 52 table games, including 22 blackjack tables, four craps tables, four roulette tables and a 12-table poker room.

At the Mount Airy Casino Resort in the Poconos, officials Tuesday gave away free T-shirts saying "Let the Games Begin" to the first 3,000 customers. The casino has 72 table games. Owner and managing trustee Lisa DeNaples and her father, Louis DeNaples, cast the ceremonial first die marking the opening.

Mohegan Sun opened with 52 table games after its ceremonial ribbon cutting.

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You have learned well, Grasshopper

Kayla Pietkewicz, 8, of Shamokin, takes aikido instructor Jack Richford to the ground during an aikido self-defense class Tuesday afternoon at the Shamokin-Coal Township Public Library. Aikido and several other classes are part of The Arts Educational Strategies Program, sponsored by the Northumberland County Council for the Arts and Humanities. Call 850-9121 to join.

'Corruption must end' Clausi

He calls treasurer's absence, office probe a disgrace

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SUNBURY — With fresh questions about missing money in Northumberland County, Commissioner Vinny Clausi delivered a message at Tuesday's bi-monthly commissioners' meeting.

"Every couple months there is an issue, and I hope it will end in Northumberland County. No matter who does what, we'll catch you, and we're going to get you," he said.

The most recent issue involves the treasurer's office, where not only an alleged misappropriation of funds but the long-term absence of Treasurer Ronald Chamberlain led Clausi to describe the situation as a "disgrace."

An investigation into treasurer's office records by county Controller Charles "Chuck" Erdman showed misappropriations and discrepancies in funds.

Chamberlain, who returned to work Monday after six weeks due to illness, said he will investigate the concerns about missing money, and has suggested it might be turned over to the district attorney's office.

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