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The Gaming Emporium recently reopened in a new space at 225675 Rib Mountain Drive in Rib Mountain. The store originally opened in the Wausau Center mall in 2019, then moved to the city's west side when the mall shut down. It closed under new ownership last year, before the original owner and a new business partner reopened it in June. PHOTOS PROVIDED BY THE GAMING EMPORIUM

## The Gaming Emporium reopens in Rib Mountain with trading cards, LEGO, more

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For the Wausau Daily Herald

RIB MOUNTAIN – The Gaming Emporium has a long history in the Wausau area. David Miller originally opened the store in the Wausau Center mall in 2019, then moved to the city's west side when the mall shut down ahead of demolition and plans for redevelopment of the downtown area. He sold the Stewart Avenue location in 2022. But when the new owners shut down the west side store last year, Miller kept the signage and therefore the option of reopening was a possibility. In June, Miller along with his new business partner Frank Vang, reopened The Gaming Emporium at 225675 Rib Mountain Drive in Rib Mountain. Miller feels this revival will grow the business

beyond its past successes.

### New location provides opportunities for new customers

Miller discussed the idea of reopening The Gaming Emporium with Vang, his friend of about two years, and they decided to restart the business about six months ago. Miller and Vang's shared goals and values – including giving back to the community and focusing on family – has supported the often difficult process of remodeling the store and assembling the product base. Once Miller and Vang agreed to begin the business, finding a new location was the priority. "One day. It took (Miller) one day to find the new location," Vang said. This location provides opportunities for new



The Gaming Emporium posted on Aug. 12 that it had stocked its selection of One Piece trading cards.

customers, as Miller explained that the other locations were "more of a destination, while here customers will stop in" without having a specific product in mind.

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## Let's Go Fishing expands to Wausau

### Nonprofit offers free lake excursions

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WAUSAU – The Hodag Chapter of Let's Go Fishing is expanding to Wausau, according to a community announcement. The organization, based in Rhinelander, is a nonprofit that provides fishing and boating excursions for seniors, veterans, people with disabilities and youth. The trips are offered on weekdays from mid-May to mid-September.

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## Census data: Immigrant population drops by 2M

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USA TODAY

The country's immigrant population may have dropped by roughly 2 million people in the first six months of the year, according to new government data. The data offer an early – if imperfect – signal that President Donald Trump's immigration crackdown may already be showing an impact. Steven Camarota, director of research at the right-leaning Center for Immigration Studies said the estimated decline of 2.2 million foreign-born people in the U.S. Census Bureau's Current Population Survey was the largest such drop in a single year in three decades. Either "something has fundamentally changed in America, or the response rate has dramatically changed," he said. Demographers say it might be both – but either way, the new data has significant limits.

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