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Local resident Victoria Rainsford, 4, has some color braided into her hair at the Bowfish tent by Rachel Bacon during the Ocean City Fall Block Party, held along Asbury Avenue on Saturday in Ocean City.

ROCK THE BLOCK

Ocean City holds annual fall party on Asbury

PRESS STAFF REPORTS

OCEAN CITY — Despite the threat of a nor'easter set to hit the Jersey Shore later Saturday night, the city was packed for its annual Fall Block Party.

More than 400 crafters, food vendors and entertainers lined Asbury Avenue between Fifth and 14th streets Saturday morning and afternoon. Entertainers and bands performed at various spots along the avenue, including the Robert Boney Band, Big Daddy, String Band and Keith Hickman.

There was plenty to do for the kids as well, including pony rides at the Ocean City Tabernacle.

Parking was free at all municipal lots and metered spaces throughout the city.



Annie Wolf, 7, of Collingswood, holds up a red balloon dog crafted for her by John The Balloon Guy.

ATLANTIC CITY

Brewery owner to expand Tun brand to Philly

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Monty Dahm, owner of restaurant and brewery Tun Tavern in Atlantic City who was in a legal battle last year over the rights to the name of his establishment, is



Dahm

finally getting his wish of reviving a piece of history in Philadelphia.

Dahm recently entered into an agreement to acquire Lucha Cartel, a Mexican restaurant located in the Old City section of Philadelphia. He announced on his website, tuntavern.com, that he will convert Lucha Cartel into a Tun Tavern, an ode to the original tavern where the U.S. Marine Corps was founded.

"I've been trying to build a Tun Tavern in Philadelphia ever since I acquired the trademark (in 1998)," Dahm said Thursday. "I'm a patriot. It's about patriotism and wanting to protect the trademark. And because I was in the Marines, that was important to me."

Dahm plans to finalize a settlement Nov. 1 and transition operations management before Nov. 10, the 250th birthday of the U.S. Marine Corps. He hopes to hold a sign unveiling ceremony on Nov. 10.

Phase 2 of the transition will commence in 2026 and include a multimillion-dollar renovation.

The building, built in 1970, is located at 207 Chestnut St.

Planned renovations to the 2,419-square-foot building will include adding two additional stories and a new facade.

Once complete, the new Tun Tavern will be home to a restaurant, banquet space, museum and area for merchandise that honors the U.S. Marine Corps.

"It's going to be a living museum," said Dahm, 59, who grew up in Middletown Township outside of Philadelphia and now lives in Atlantic City. "I have a lot of stuff that's been donated. It's a great, wonderful project."

Current Lucha Cartel restaurant employees will be offered positions in the new establishment.

The Tun Tavern's name holds significance to veterans and specifically Marines as the original Tun Tavern in Philadelphia was where the U.S. Marine Corps was founded in 1775 by Capt. Samuel Nicholas.

Dahm, who had finished a five-year term in the Marine Corps Reserve in 1990, opened the Atlantic City-based Tun Tavern at 2 Convention Blvd. in 1998. He said he licensed the Tun Tavern name in the late 1990s to help preserve and maintain

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BOYS SOCCER | ST. AUGUSTINE 1, EGG HARBOR TWP. 1

Eagles, Hermits endure the rain in draw

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BUENA VISTA TOWNSHIP — The high school boys soccer game between Egg Harbor Township and St. Augustine featured a little bit of everything Saturday afternoon.

Two of the top teams in the Cape-Atlantic League battled it out to a 1-1 tie under rainy conditions at Fr. Stephen J. LaRosa Field.

From clean offensive transitions and multiple scoring opportunities, defensive stops and great saves and a late penalty kick in the first OT, the matchup was a nail-biter and a potential preview of the CAL Tournament championship.

The result gave the Hermits (11-1-1) the American Division title, but the Eagles (9-1-3) snapped St. Augustine's 39-game win streak against CAL opponents. The Hermits still have a 45-game unbeaten streak in league play.

The Hermits, the top-ranked team in The Press Elite 11, defeated EHT 2-0 to open the season. The Eagles are No. 8.

"This game had a lot of intensity. A lot of effort and everything," said

Eagles' sophomore forward Lenart Redzepi, who scored off an assist from Johnathan Espichan in the 49th minute to tie the game.

"We gave it all. We just slipped it in and got that score in and made it a tie, and that's all that matters."

St. Augustine junior midfielder Matt Mateja scored in the 4th minute. He said his early goal gave him and his teammates hope.

"It was tough," said Mateja, noting that the field was slippery from the rain, "which exposed the defenses a lot. Just a lot of running. Just a tough game in general."

After Redzepi's goal, the rest of the second half saw a ton of action, including multiple scoring opportunities.

St. Augustine had shots on net in the 58th, 59th and 62nd minutes. However, momentum seemed to stop after the Hermits got their fourth yellow card and gave EHT possession, ending their offensive run.

"We could have done better with moving the ball around. I think we are better than that. But it is what it is," said Mateja, noting he was still

pleased with his, especially because St. Augustine is ranked high in the state.

"We just gave all the effort and everything. We just had to put the score in because these guys, they are good. They are a lot of good competition."

The Eagles generated their own offensive pressure and were awarded corner kicks in the 68th and 69th minutes.

Joshua Reyes got past a Hermit defender in the 76th minute, but his shot just missed. EHT was awarded a corner kick in the 79th minute.

Then things got a little messy, and St. Augustine coach Justin Abbey and a player both received red cards. Abbey was ejected from the game.

St. Augustine standout Mike Coluzzi was awarded a penalty kick just 36 seconds into the first overtime, but Jack Carroll made the diving save. The Hermits' Matt Carr then made a crucial save less than a minute later.



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St. Augustine Prep's Luke Whelan (5) and Egg Harbor Township's Lucas Santos (3) battle for the ball Saturday afternoon in Buena Vista Township.

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