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## Velocity dance studio is a Sperber family affair

Seattle import follows mom's dream for dance studio

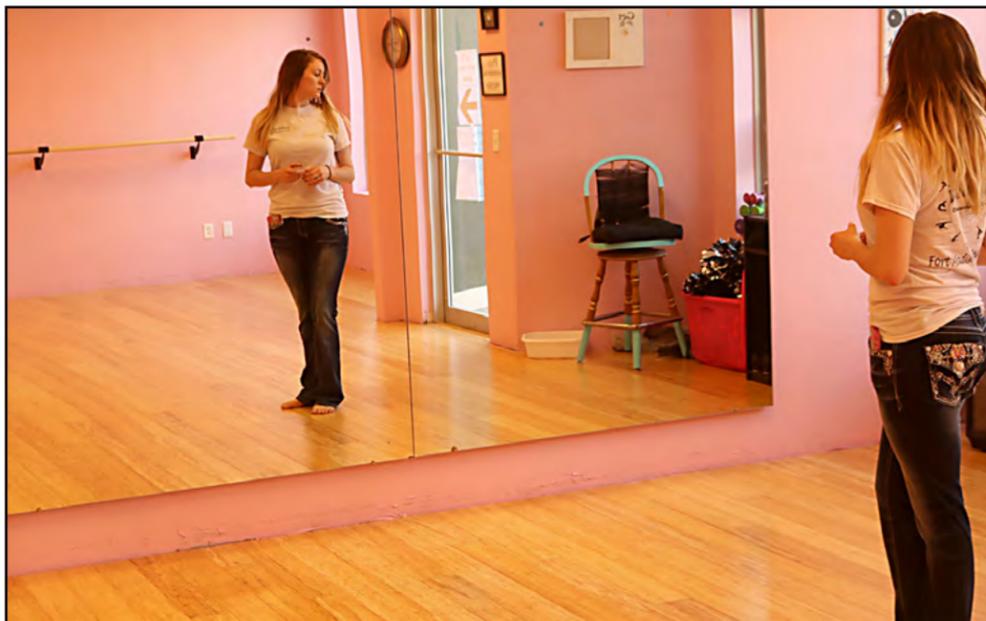


Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Alexis Sperber stands in the west dance studio that stands where an Edward Jones office used to be in the former SSMID building in downtown Fort Madison at 822 Avenue G.

**BY CHUCK VANDENBERG**  
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - Another interesting transformation has taken place in Fort Madison's downtown Main Street district. Velocity Dance and Tumbling has opened in the former SSMID building at 822 Avenue G.

Alexis Sperber's family is helping her fulfill a dream of becoming a competitive dance instructor and they're all doing it together right here in Fort Madison and opened their business on August 23.

The building itself, which most recently housed an Edward Jones office, has undergone a huge transition in the past three weeks. The east door opens into a large dance studio and office area. A large run-and-tumble mat runs almost the full length of the east wall and then

“  
*I was 11 and my friend took me to her jazz class and I thought it was awesome. Then I saw the video of one my recitals and I was like, “Mom...why would you let me do that?”*

-Alexis Sperber  
studio owner, on her first experience with dance

a large studio runs across the south half of the building.

A lounge area for parents that includes a snack bar and eventually a television, sits on the west side of the studio. In the back is a break room and along the western part of the dual front studio are two other dance studios where instruction would take place in a variety of dance styles including contemporary, jazz, which Alexis calls

appropriate funk without the MTV flare, as well as poms classes and conditioning classes that integrate dance.

Alexis and her family have been involved in dance since her and two sisters Alecia and Alysea were young girls. Her mother Connie was also a dancer at a young age, so the family is bringing a lot of experience to the table.

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## School district taking hard look at student safety

P3 Campus already helping with anonymous tips

**BY CHUCK VANDENBERG**  
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - As part of the superintendent's report at Monday's school board meeting, Superintendent Erin Slater and several district administrators updated the board on security plans in the works in the district.

Slater, Assistant High School principal Patrick Lamb and Assistant middle school principal Brent Zirkel, along with the Fort Madison Police Department's school resource officer all attended a national convention on school safety and security in July.

She said the conference gave the group an opportunity to review the emergency response plans and look at some research based changes, some of which are already under way.

“We want to make sure that we're not just not doing something because it sounds good or its the flavor of the month,” Slater said. “But we wanted you to know the reasons why we attended. We know that learning is best achieved in a safe and nurturing environment. Its our job and our responsibility to make sure we are doing the very best we can.”



SLATER

Zirkel said most strategies of school safety will fall under four Ds, - Deter, Detect, Delay, and Defend.

He said strategies going forward will focus on deterring any threats, detecting when something may be happening, trying to delay any threat to allow first responders time to react, and then in the worst scenarios take a defensive posture to the threat.

“All the things we talk about in school safety will fall under one of those Ds,” Zirkel said.

As a result of the learnings of the convention, the district has already developed a threat assessment team, which includes board director Dianne Hope. A public relations team has also been formed and has held meetings including various stakeholders including the district, the Area Education Association, the transportation and facilities departments, counselors and social workers to start doing planning that will help make sure

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# For the Record/Area News

## For the Record

### Fort Madison Police Report

09/22/17 - 8:39 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny theft in the 600 block of 8th Street.  
 09/22/17 - 9:02 a.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested William B Mapp, 63 of Fort Madison in the 3400 block of Avenue L, on a charge of disorderly conduct. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.  
 09/22/17 - 9:39 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1000 Avenue G.  
 09/22/17 - 10:24 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 2600 block of Avenue L  
 09/22/17 - 10:34 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 2400 block of Avenue L.  
 09/22/17 - 3:45 p.m. - Fort

Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 3000 block of Avenue P.  
 09/22/17 - 10:20 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 2000 block of Avenue B.  
 09/23/17 - 1:04 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 4000 block of Avenue O.  
 09/23/17 - 4:30 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 3100 block of Avenue O.  
 09/23/17 - 2:04 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1300 block of 31st Street.  
 09/24/17 - 12:20 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a personal injury accident at the intersection of 180th Street and Hwy. 218.  
 09/24/17 - 2:58 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1700 block of Avenue D.  
 09/24/17 - 7:51 a.m. - Fort

Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 600 block of 22nd Street.  
 09/24/17 - 11:16 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a stolen vehicle in the 1400 block of Avenue I.  
 09/24/17 - 7:38 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 3000 block of Avenue E.  
 09/24/17 - 9:16 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1700 block of Avenue D.  
 09/24/17 - 10:14 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in progress in the 800 block of Avenue G.  
 09/25/17 - 1:37 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a stolen vehicle in the 4200 block of Avenue L.  
 09/25/17 - 7:14 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 2100 block of Avenue J.  
 09/25/17 - 8:10 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in

the 2100 block of Avenue J.  
**Lee County Sheriff's Report**  
 09/23/17 - midnight - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Phillip David Cossel, 51 of Montrose, in the 100 block of S. 4th Street in Montrose, on a warrant for failure to appear. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.  
 09/23/17 - 7:47 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Thomas Jay Bailey, 58, of Fort Madison in the 1600 block of Green Bay Road in Wever, on a charge of possession of a controlled substance. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and released on a promise to appear.  
 09/23/17 - 5:02 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Robert Harry Mills, Jr., 43 of Keokuk in the 400 block of N. 9th Street on a court ordered hold. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.  
 09/23/17 - 5:53 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a two-vehicle accident on 4th Street in West Point where a vehicle driven

by Ronald Peter Stukerjurgan, 80, of Houghton and a vehicle driven by Jeffrey Howard Manning 60 collided as Manning was backing out of parking stall. No citations or injuries were reported at the scene.  
 09/24/17 - midnight - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Randall Gray, 61 of Keokuk, no location, on a warrant for contempt of court - non payment of fines.  
 09/24/17 - 9:40 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Mersadys Elizabeth Dickens, 20, Keokuk, at Fort Madison Community Hospital on a charge of violation of probation. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.  
 09/24/17 - 4:25 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested John Thomas Curry III, 45 of Burlington, in the 2300 block of 168th Street West Point on charges of possession of a controlled substance, driving under suspension and attempted 3rd-degree burglary. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.  
 09/25/17 - 3:24 a.m. - Lee

County Sheriff's deputies arrested Nolan Aeneas Leveling, 19 of Fort Madison, no location given, on charges of possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.  
 09/25/17 - no time given - Lee County Sheriff's arrested a 15 year old juvenile from Donnellson in the Central Lee High School, on a charge of operating a vehicle while intoxicated. He was ordered to appear in juvenile court.

*Those listed above are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.*

### Fort Madison Fire & Rescue Report

09/22/17 - Fort Madison firefighters responded to one medical call, one car wreck, and one gas line cut  
 09/23/17 - Fort Madison firefighters responded to four medical calls.  
 09/24/17 - Fort Madison firefighters responded to one medical call and three assists.

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## GRHS named to 150 workplace

WEST BURLINGTON - Great River Health Systems is one of the best places to work in Iowa, according to the Des Moines Register's 2017 Top Workplaces survey. The survey ranked 150 employers in small, midsized and large categories. The only hospital or health system named in the large-company category, Great River Health Systems ranked 21st. This is the fifth consecutive year that Great River Health Systems has been ranked on the list. "Being named one of Iowa's top large employers five years in a row is a great honor, and it certainly speaks to the culture of Great River Health Systems," said Mark Richardson, president and CEO. "Our people take great pride in working as a team to provide outstanding care to patients and families in the southeast Iowa region."

The Des Moines Register recognized companies and organizations in Iowa as

top workplaces based solely on surveys about the workplace completed by their employees.

The anonymous survey focused on six aspects of the workplace environment including:

- Career – training opportunities and progression
- Conditions – assessment of the working atmosphere and environment
- Direction – assessment of the company's values, leaders and strategy
- Execution – assessment of how the company communicates and gets work done
- Management – quality and managerial skills
- Pay and benefits – assessment of associate compensation

Those interested in a career with Great River Health Systems can visit [www.GreatRiverMedical.org](http://www.GreatRiverMedical.org).

## Griener named GRHS EXCEL Hero



GREINER

WEST BURLINGTON – Jo Greiner, Great River Cancer Center, has been named an EXCEL Service Hero at Great River Health Systems. The health system recognizes employees who demonstrate actions that extend beyond routine, expected employee behavior.

Criteria for the service hero award are based on the health systems' philosophy of care. EXCEL stands for Enthusiastically friendly, X-ceeding expectations, Caring and compassion, Energetic teamwork, and Leadership and professionalism.

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## State News/Lottery Numbers

# Gov. Reynolds urges students to file FAFSAs early

(DES MOINES) – Gov. Kim Reynolds and Lt. Gov. Adam Gregg urged high school seniors to file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) during their weekly press conference Monday at Saydel High School in Des Moines.

“I just graduated from Iowa State University last December, so it wasn’t that long ago that I was in college,” Gov. Reynolds said. “Plus, I remember how hard my husband, Kevin, and I worked to help our three daughters through school. I know that every dollar counts. That’s why making sure high school seniors complete their FAFSA is critical. This form opens doors to most financial aid.”

“Filing the FAFSA to determine eligibility for financial aid may seem like a simple step, but it can transform students’ lives through the opportunities it opens up,” Lt. Gov. Gregg said.

The FAFSA is required to qualify for federal Pell grants, federal student loans, federal work-study programs and most forms of state financial aid. About two-thirds of Iowa’s high school seniors

with low-income students among the least likely to file.

This also will help meet the Future Ready Iowa goal of 70 percent of the state’s workforce having education or training beyond high school by the

year 2025.

That is critical so employers can hire the skilled workers they need to innovate and grow.

The window to file the FAFSA for the 2018-19 school year opens Sunday, October 1, 2017.

### 5-DAY WEATHER FORECAST

TUE 26 Sep



Light Rain  
High– 81.3° F | Low – 61.9° F

WED 27 Sep



Broken Clouds  
High– 65.1° F | Low – 65.4° F

THU 28 Sep



Clear Skies  
High – 73.3° F | Low – 60.9° F

FRI 29 Sep



Clear Skies  
High – 65.5° F | Low – 53.0° F

SAT 30 Sep



Clear Skies  
High– 67.2° F | Low – 52.1° F

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Pick 3 - Midday	Daily	Noon	12:20 pm
Pick 3 - Evening	Daily	9:40 pm	10:00 pm
Pick 4 - Midday	Daily	Noon	12:20 pm
Pick 4 - Evening	Daily	9:40 pm	10:00 pm



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Lucky Ball: 4



9/25 MID-DAY  
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9/25 EVENING  
8 8 9



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## From the Front

# School officials say collaboration is key to security progress

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everyone is safe.

"We need to discuss policies and practices that are always evolving," Zirkel said. "One of the things I've seen now and my eyes are very open to, is your plan goes right out the door the moment something happens because nothing can ever be perfectly planned for. We have to be conceptual. We want to plan for the process leading up to the threat."

Lamb thanked the board for approving the trip saying that training and education of that type isn't frequent locally.

He said one of the most eye opening things to him was in regard to drug and alcohol activity.

"One of the most eye opening to me was an expert who was speaking on gangs and drugs and he said as kids walk through the door you can see things from the clothing the kids are wearing and how they're wearing it," he said. "I haven't been looking at that at all, but it kind of opens your eyes as the kids walk through the door. A year ago, I wouldn't even have known that some of the stuff they are wearing is actually references to drugs and alcohol. That's pretty sneaky stuff."

He asked the board to be advocates for the safety measures in the district or to be involved in the discussions and asked the district to commit to sending at least two representatives to the national safety conferences every year going forward.

He also talked about the P3 Campus program recently launched in the district. The program is an anonymous tip reporting app and is also web based and allows reporting on just about anything from pet abuse to sex abuse to bullying in a completely anonymous format.

"I've been the point person in the district and the lady we've been working with is a parent in the Sandy Hook district who's children weren't hurt in that shooting fortunately, but she has moved and become the point person for this company," Lamb said.

"I think it will be a tool for us that we can start to determine trends. People will be comfortable in reporting those things to us and we can further investigate and hopefully do something about it."

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*One of the things I've seen now, and my eyes are very open to, is your plan goes right out the door the moment something happens because nothing can ever be perfectly planned for."*

-Brent Zirkel,  
FMMS Asst. Principal

Lamb also said the district needs to change the way they do lockdowns and schedule them for more random times.

"We have been doing lockdown drills the same way for the past 20 years and we talked about it in the administrative council to switch that up and do it at inappropriate times. Shooters would come in not when everyone is safe in the classrooms, they would do it when students are up and moving around. So we need to make these more spontaneous as to when we have them."

Board member Jared Hotop asked what kind of products the school had for securing doors.

Lamb said the the district has several types of locks on doors and numerous devices but not all rooms have them.

Slater said the P3 campus was the best tool they could bring in for the money, but the threat assessment team would look at all the options to see what makes the most sense for them.

In other action, the board

- heard from district business manager Sandy Elmore on FY 2017 final reports and approved the reports.

- approved Tim Wondra as the new board president. Timm Lamb didn't seek re-election. Jillian Troxel was elected to the board and Wondra and Gayla Young were re-elected to their position. Young was approved as the new vice president. Both are two year terms.

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**Lee County, Iowa**  
**Board of Supervisors**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Agenda**  
**DATE: TUESDAY,**  
**September 26, 2017**  
**MEETING**  
**CONVENING TIME:**  
**9:00 A.M.**  
**LOCATION:**  
**North Lee Office**  
**Building, 933 Avenue H,**  
**Fort Madison, IA 52627**  
**AGENDA**

Pledge of Allegiance  
 Approve Agenda  
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 Tuesday, September 19,  
 2017 Board Minutes  
 Consider Approval of  
 Claims  
 Public Input  
 Consider Approval of 28E  
 Agreement with Iowa De-  
 partment of Transportation  
 for the Treasurer's Office  
 Consider Approval of  
 Application for Placement  
 of Tourist Oriented Signs  
 Along Keokuk Rifle Trail  
 Consider Approval of Sec-  
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 of Ordinances and Possi-  
 bly Waive Third Reading  
 Consider Approval of Tax

Abatement Resolutions (2)  
 Consider Approval of  
 Resolution Setting Public  
 Hearing for Sale of 725  
 South 16th Street in Keokuk  
 Personnel Actions:  
 A. Step Increase-Health  
 Department  
 B. Step Increase-Con-  
 servation  
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 A. Recorder's Report of  
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**Meeting Notice**  
**CITY OF FORT**  
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**Planning and Zoning**  
**Commission**  
**WILL MEET ON**  
**Tuesday, Sept. 26, 2017**  
**6:00 PM AT THE**  
**Council Chambers,**  
**City Hall- 811 Ave E**  
**TO DISCUSS THE**  
**FOLLOWING:**  
**AGENDA**  
 1. Roll Call  
 2. Approval of  
 minutes 8/29/17 meeting  
 3. Non-agenda item  
 comments  
 4. Zoning Code  
 Amendment: Changes to  
 residential setbacks.  
 5. Old Business:  
 None.  
 6. Other/New Busi-  
 ness  
 7. Adjournment

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**September 15, 2017**  
 The Great River Regional  
 Waste Authority met on Sep-  
 tember 15, 2017 at Con-  
 nection Bank(Conference room)  
 in Fort Madison, Iowa at  
 6:30 A.M. to conduct a regu-  
 lar monthly meeting.  
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WISE INDICATED.  
 The meeting was called to  
 order at 6:45 A.M.  
 Present: Brad Randolph,  
 Marc Lindeen and Gary  
 Adam. Roger Bryant and  
 Rick Larkin were absent.  
 Motion to approve the Au-  
 gust 18, 2017 meeting min-  
 utes was made by Lindeen,  
 seconded by Randolph  
 Public Comments: None  
 Motion to approve the  
 General Manager's report  
 made by Randolph, second-  
 ed by Lindeen.  
 Motion to approve the  
 Business Manager's report  
 made by Randolph, second-  
 ed by Adam.  
 Motion to approve Reso-  
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 by Lindeen, seconded by  
 Adam.  
 Motion to approve Barker/  
 Lemar to conduct a settle-  
 ment correction/accommo-  
 dation plan in the amount of  
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 Motion to approve the  
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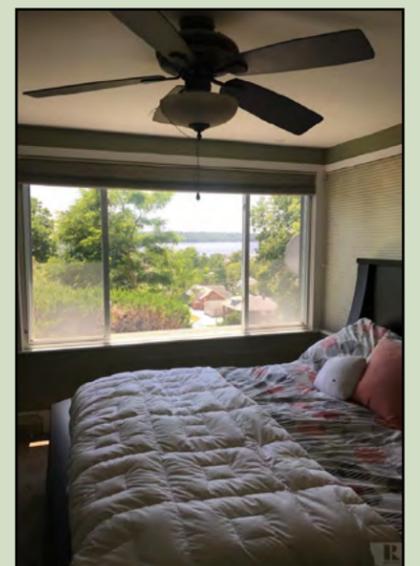
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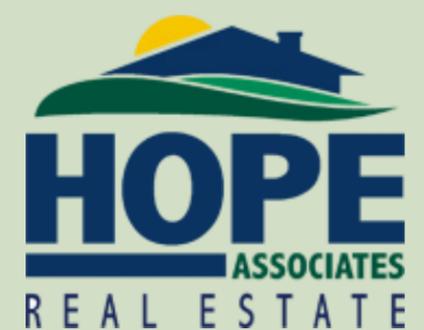
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**From the Front**

# Family has role in getting studio off the ground

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She got her interest in dancing before she was a teenager after attending a class with a friend. "I was 11 and my friend took me to her jazz class and I thought it was awesome," she said. "And then I saw the video of one of my recitals and I was like, 'Mom, why would you let me do that?'. I was distraught for a couple days and then that summer I enrolled in as much dance as I could and became very passionate about it. My parents were very supportive and told me that to get better I would have to get as much experience as possible."

Her father, Jared, is retired Army, and moved the family to the area in 2010 when he took a position with Pinnacle. He now works for Griffin Wheel in Keokuk as a maintenance supervisor. Alexis said her parents have worked hard their whole life, sometimes upwards of 70 or 80 hours a week raising their family. It was their goal to someday have their own business.

"They had been looking in the Keokuk area for a business and had thought about doing gourmet popcorn or something like that," Alexis said.

"We grew up a dance family and my mom was a dancer growing up and she wanted to at some point have a studio, she went to school for business and had kids and it got put off but we just kept going on with life. We just kind of got on the path of it. We were originally going to open in Illinois, but they are doing some crazy things with their taxes."

Alexis has been teaching on and off for the past eight years and has taken a program at a junior high in Seattle to a national competition. She says that's where she really grew as an instructor and developed her passion. She said her sister Alecia is now teaching younger classes of dance at the studio and her youngest sister Alysea is getting in as much performing as possible before taking over some classes and possibly traveling to Japan to learn instruction there as well.

"My little sister is super into it, and I think her plans are to have a competing tumbling team, but right now we're just doing recreational tumbling instruction."

Her parents purchased the building and own the

apartments upstairs and have been involved in the project from the beginning, including coordinating the renovation work.

Sperber said she hopes someday her parents can use the business to retire so she can give back to them for all that she's given to them.

"My parents have been working very, very hard my whole life, I mean like 70 and 80 hours a week. I was very supportive of them opening this so maybe they didn't have to work so hard," she said. "I always assumed, we had talked about opening a studio jokingly like 'Oh.. how great would that be'. So I always thought I would be doing something like this but in a bigger city. But we kept putting it on the table as something we all wanted and I was pretty hesitant because I had to think forward for 10 years and I was like 'What?...I don't know this area, or these people and we hadn't done a whole lot of research in Fort Madison, but I could see with the activity going on here that the town was growing, which is great.'"

She said the name Velocity was lost on her



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Alexis Sperber has launched a competitive dance studio in downtown Fort Madison. The studio opened Aug. 23 and is now taking students.

at first, but she started to think about the speed of life and how fast the world turns and then the name was perfect, and came up with a logo.

"I thought of this logo and then my sister made it on Word and took it to our guy and he was able to put this together and it's just amazing," Sperber said.

The logo is a picture of the world with dancers in different poses along the circumference.

Now Sperber has set a goal for 100 registered dancers before the end of the year and right now the studio has about 30.

Sperber said she wants to offer a different set up than other schools by introducing dancers to competitive dancing at younger ages. She said most other schools offer combo classes for younger students so they get exposed to different styles.

"What I'm hearing from dancers locally is that a lot of the kids can't compete until they get to a certain age, but we want to try to get ages 5 to 18 to compete," she said.

She's also offering some yoga classes with new classes set to begin Oct. 3 with a morning and early afternoon class.

"I picked up the yoga to keep busy and I became really passionate about it and it's been getting a lot of attention recently from the adult crowd, which I really appreciate."

Sperber said the best way to get more information or to contact the studio is via its website at [www.velocitydance-andtumbling.com](http://www.velocitydance-andtumbling.com) or on their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/velocitydanceand-tumbling/>.

Memberships are paid on a monthly basis and adults have the option for punch cards which can be used to try different classes and styles to find their favorites.

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