Emergency crews responded to a single-vehicle semi trailer accident on Hwy. 61 southbound Wednesday afternoon. The driver was taken to Great River Medical Center with non-life threatening injuries.

**Wednesday mishap sends one to GRMC**

**BY PCC STAFF**

WEVER - A truck driver suffered minor injuries as a result of a single-vehicle semi-trailer accident on Highway 61 Wednesday afternoon. Lee County Sheriff’s deputies, Iowa State Patrol, Lee County EMS, Iowa Motor Vehicle Enforcement and Denmark Fire and Rescue responded to the scene of the accident just south of the Iowa Fertilizer Plant entrance.

The driver was southbound on Highway 61 when he lost control of the Gigg Enterprises semi-trailer striking the east side of the bridge spanning Lost Creek and sliding down the embankment toward the creek between the two lanes of traffic. Authorities said the driver was transported to Great River Medical Center with non-life threatening injuries. The name and address of the driver are not yet available.

**Colt Ford brings different country to Iowa riverfront**

**BY CHUCK VANDENBERG**

FORT MADISON - Sunday’s wrap on RiverFest 2018 will bring one of country music’s hottest contemporary acts.

Colt Ford is bringing a special mix of country to the Pen City Current Main Stage on Sunday night as the final act of the four days and 15 bands of RiverFest. Ford’s career took off in 2008 with the release of Ride Through The Country, which yielded an Academy of Country Music nomination for Vocal Event of the Year for “Cold Beer featuring Jamey Johnson.”

In addition, “Dirt Road Anthem,” written by Ford and Brantley Gilbert, went on to become the first #1 song for both artists as songwriters when Jason Aldean cut the track in 2010. Also featured on the title track, “Ride Through The Country,” is John Michael Montgomery. His top 10 hit Declaration of Independence reached #5 on the Country Billboard Charts in 2017.

Ford said Fort Madison’s not going to get a regular

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**Huber, Sirucek join FMCH family practice**

FORT MADISON – The Family Practice Clinic at Fort Madison Community Hospital is pleased to welcome Dr. Amy Huber and Dr. Josh Sirucek.

Dr. Huber is a Board Certified Family Practitioner. She recently completed her residency at Eastern Tennessee State University after receiving her Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine Degree from Des Moines University (DMU). While at DMU, Dr. Huber spent her third year at Fort Madison Community Hospital completing her clinical rotations.

“I spent my third year of medical school doing my rotations at FMCH, and was impressed with the way people held themselves to high standards. I enjoy being a part of a strong healthcare team,” explained Dr. Huber.

Dr. Huber’s affinity for science fueled her interest in health care, “science was always one of my favorite subjects in school, particularly biology. Turning that interest into my profession just seemed like natural progression. I initially started my health career as a radiologic technologist. I was always wondering about the science behind a patient’s disease process, and how their doctor was going to help them get better.”

Doctors of Family Practice treat the whole person. They partner with their patients, developing a long-term relationship, to provide comprehensive health care to patients of all ages—from newborns to seniors. Family physicians deliver a range of acute, chronic, and preventive medical care services while providing patients with a patient-centered medical home.

“The most rewarding aspect about being in health care is having the ability to take what I have learned, and use it to help people understand their symptoms or medical problems. I am lucky enough to have attained an education that can be used to help make other people’s days a little brighter,” commented Dr. Huber.

Dr. Huber likes to stay active, whether through physical fitness, attending events or exploring the history of the area.

Dr. Huber will join the medical team of Dr. Kathy Anderson; Dr. William Napier; Dr. Chase Newton; Dr. David Wenger-Keller; Dr. Ruth Barosy (August 2018); Dr. Josh Sirucek (August 2018).
From the Front

Ford made his mark via social media - not radio

country show.

"It's certainly not your typical country show," he said Wednesday. "I have one gear and that's high speed with the pedal to the floor. Live music is the best end of the road as far it goes. You have to deliver it to the fans. That's the reason we all exist. I give them every single ounce that I have. Make sure they know I'm having fun and enjoying doing what I'm doing. I wanted to create a show where it didn't matter if you've never heard of me but you walk out of there having had a great time.

Playing along the riverfront or in front of 50,000, Ford said his performances are always in high gear.

"I'll tell you, I'm lucky to have heard many times from people who say they saw me at this club or that arena and the show is just as good whether I'm in front of 500 or 5,000 or 50,000. I'm gonna give the fans everything this old, fat guy's got," Ford said. "If you don't give it full throttle you should just give the money back. Without the fans, you wouldn't have that lifestyle. You wouldn't be living the way you are. If you don't think you owe them everything you've got, then you just don't get it."

His music carries a flare of patriotism with a nod to American servicemen and women, but he says, for him, it's not about the politics....it's the sacrifice. He's familiar with Iowa crowds playing some casinos and other event centers in the state and said he relates very well to Iowans.

"Iowa is super relateable to me because its people think the way I think - God, good family, friends and hard work. That's who I am... that's who I'm talking to and that's why I've had success there."

Ford's unique blend of contemporary country storytelling has earned him more than 1.6 million Facebook followers and he said despite being humbled by the following, he's still having trouble getting his stuff on the radio.

"It's hard to believe. I'm humbled and blessed by that," Ford said. "Social media has allowed me to have that success because I haven't had the fortune to have success on radio. A lot of places won't give me a chance to be heard. I came to their town and sell thousands of tickets, but I'm not 25 years old in skinny jeans.

He said the music industry has a certain profile their looking for and it wasn't for social media and the ability to move songs through digital platforms he might not be where he is.

"I'm pretty good looking for big guy," he chuckled. "But I'm making music the best I can and I give it to them. Now it's Facebook, Instagram and Twitter, but when I got started it was MySpace. You know, this guy that's not on the radio is this popular - that was hard to understand. But I think that's what's going awry in this business. People making decision based on their agenda, but not what the people want. That's just not reality."

Ford has partnered with some of the best in the business including Jason Aldean on the hit "Driving Around Song" that featured NASCAR driver Danica Patrick. He's also done work with John Michael Montgomery on "Ride Through the Country", and 2018 Tri State Rodeo artist Jake Owen.

With his sixth studio album, the aptly named Love Hope Faith, his follow-up to 2014's Thanks for Listening, Colt Ford continues to live out his boyhood dream – the one where you "wake up on a mission/to buy that beat-up Gibson," as he sings on "No Rest." Love Hope Faith is exactly that, a message to his loyal fan base, and a strike against the divisiveness plaguing our country, celebrating the things that bring us together – friends, family, our faith in a better future.

Ford takes the stage on Sunday as the final act of the festival. The music kicks off Sunday with Stumptown at 4 p.m. followed by the Natu Band, then Radio Romance, with Ford scheduled to perform at 8:30 p.m.
5-DAY WEATHER FORECAST

THU 02 Aug

Clear Skies
High– 81.2º F | Low – 65.5º F

FRI 03 Aug

Clear Skies
High– 85.1º F | Low – 75.9º F

SAT 04 Aug

Heavy Intensity Rain
High– 77.5º F | Low – 73.4º F

SUN 05 Aug

Light Rain
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FMCH adds more physicians to clinics

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2018); Amy Wallis, FNP; Gwen Scott, FNP and Sara Gudenkauf, FNP in the Main Clinic at FMCH.

Dr. Josh Sirucek

Dr. Sirucek is a Board Certified Family Practitioner. He recently finished a Fellowship in Sports Medicine at JPS Sports Medicine in Arlington, Texas after completing his residency at Texas A&M. He received his Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine Degree from Midwestern University in Arizona.

Dr. Sirucek credits a personal positive health care experience for his decision to become a doctor, "I decided to go into health care after I had an emergency surgery that saved my life at the age of 16. I have been intrigued and fascinated with learning how to better myself in order to pay this gift forward. I love people and get along well with them."

Dr. Sirucek will use his expertise to see patients of all ages providing primary care. He also specializes in the care of musculoskeletal and sports injuries. Dr. Sirucek will deliver non-narcotic treatment for back pain using US guided and fluoroscopy guided procedures. In addition, he is specially trained in migraine management and treatment using pharmaceuticals and Botox injections. Dr. Sirucek focuses on helping his patients achieve long-term good health. "My patients are the most rewarding part of being in health care. Caring for them and watching their health improve and knowing that I got to play a small role in this is very fulfilling."

Growing up in a small town in Idaho, Dr. Sirucek explains why he chose to practice in Fort Madison, "I am excited for the opportunity to be part of FMCH. It reminds me of home. I grew up in small town in Idaho and wanted to practice in a similar environment. In addition, the fact FMCH is very proactive in health care and genuinely cares for the community made it an easy place to want to work and raise my family."

Dr. Sirucek, his wife and three young children love outdoor activities and participating in sporting events. They look forward to being part of the community.

Dr. Sirucek will join the medical team of Dr. Kathy Anderson; Dr. William Napier; Dr. Chase Newton; Dr. David Wenger-Keller; Dr. Ruth Barosy (August 2018); Dr. Amy Huber (August 2018); Amy Wallis, FNP; Gwen Scott, FNP and Sara Gudenkauf, FNP in the Main Clinic at FMCH.

Both doctors are now seeing patients. To make an appointment please call 319-376-2134; phones are answered starting at 7:00 a.m. Monday through Friday.