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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.

Reynolds puts district judge on high court

BY PCC STAFF

DES MOINES – Gov. Kim Reynolds announced Judge Susan Christensen as her Iowa Supreme Court justice selection Wednesday afternoon at the Iowa State Capitol in Des Moines.

Christensen, of Harlan, received her law degree from the Creighton University School of Law and her undergraduate degree from Judson College.

Most recently, she served as a district court judge in the Fourth Judicial District.

"Judge Christensen didn't take a typical path to where she is today," Gov. Reynolds said. "She attended law school later than most, working for years as a legal secretary to support her family and pay for her schooling. She understands the challenges of everyday Iowans.

She's a mother of five and a grandmother of four. She hails from Harlan in rural southwest Iowa and will be the only justice to work outside one of our metro areas. And with her appointment, there will once again be a woman's voice on the Iowa Supreme Court. I am proud that Judge Christensen will now be continuing her distinguished career of service to all Iowans on

the Iowa Supreme Court." Gov. Reynolds spent the past several weeks considering the three nominees submitted to her by the state judicial nominating commission. Each nominee submitted extensive written materials. The governor also received recommendations and input from dozens of Iowans. Last week, she personally interviewed each nominee.



Colt Ford brings different country to Iowa riverfront

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

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

Submitted article

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



HUBER

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 health-care 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."

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"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

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From left to right Michelle Caston, Simone Omiatek, Donna Mann and Jeremy Swink stand for a picture of Mann's McDonald's \$1,000 donation to the Fort Madison Athletic Boosters.

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From the Front

Ford made his mark via social media - not radio

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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.

"It's funny, but a lot of musicians want to be politicians. For me, I'm not a politician, if you wanna be one, good for you go be one. But for me it's just go make your music and if someone asks you a question be honest. I'm not here to point fingers. The only way to figure anything of this stuff out is to do it together. Communicate. My job at shows is to be best I can to make you forget about that stuff. What I do rant and rave about is the military. That allows those people on both sides of the fence the freedom to be there. To me

we owe them an unforgettable debt."

Ford's music sometimes gets folded up into the genre of country rap, but he said he's never considered himself a rap artist and he said country music had "talk albums" way before rap was even a term.

"If you listen to my new stuff, it's straight down the middle country," he said. "I never considered myself a country rapper. That's something some other people said - not me. Now there's a whole group of guys out there that want to be that. I've never wanted to be that. Talking records have been a round before I was even born. Hot Rod Lincoln by Ray Price and no one called him a country rapper. Charlie Daniels went down to Georgia," he said.

"Even some of these younger guys doing what there doing - I don't want to be associated with. Sure, they're country red neck boys talking the way they are, but they use cursing and all that stuff and that's not who I am. It's not what I wanna stand for. I have kids and I'm not going to be doing something they can't be proud of. It's funny that I've been given the credit of starting it, but damn don't put me in a charge of something I don't wanna be charge of."

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 that 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 garnered 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 can come 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 they're 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 make 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.

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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.



SIRUCEK

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."

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My patients are the most rewarding part of being in health care.”

-Dr. Josh Sirucek,
FMCH Family Physician

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."

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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.

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