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A different breed of vampires in 'Twilight'

When 17-year-old Bella Swan decides to move to Forks, Wash., to live with her father, Charlie, she prepares herself early for disappointment. Forks is nothing like sunny Phoenix, where she had lived with her mother, Renee. The only thing the gloomy little town of Forks is known for is its excessive rainfall. Even through her depressing state, Bella easily makes friends at her new high school, and she even begins to attract a good crowd of boyish admirers. But there's only one who catches her eye, Edward Cullen, her striking biology partner in Stephenie Meyer's novel "Twilight."

Aside from Edward's stellar looks, his curiously loathing attitude towards Bella on her first day of school leads her to research him and his mysterious and beautiful family. Dr. Carlisle Cullen, the adoptive father of the five Cullen children, is a wealthy and valued doctor in Forks. Despite this, the Cullens keep their distance from the other kids at Forks High School. At an outing at the beach, Bella learns from a boy named Jacob about an old legend of his tribe. They believe the Cullens are vampires who chose to live differently than the majority of their brethren. They drink blood from animals instead of humans.

When Edward saves Bella from a potentially fatal accident, Bella becomes even more intrigued by him and his impossible secret, finally coming to grips with the truth of the legend. She discovers the reason behind his earlier annoyance. Edward can read minds, well, except for Bella's, a first for him. If that hadn't been frustrating enough, the scent of her had been so tasty that it was all he could manage not to attack her in the middle of class, which would have exposed his entire family. Their unconventional romance becomes a dangerous dance as they spend more and more time together, with Edward struggling against his desire to drink her blood, and Bella's reckless lack of concern for her own life.

Soon, Bella is introducing Edward to her father as her boyfriend, and Edward takes Bella home to meet his fanged family. Just when things begin to find some sort of comfortable balance, a new group of vampires pass through town, except these vampires maintain a different diet than the Cullens. It's not long before they try to put Bella on their menu, an alluring challenge they jump at, especially after Edward and his family show their willingness to fight for Bella. Even if his love for a human wasn't exactly what they had hoped for him, they have no intentions of letting Bella be ripped away by some foreign predator and have to face their distraught brother for all the lonely centuries to come.

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Helping moms to 'focus'

Local author to share stories on national radio show

By **LYDIA GEHRING**
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DALTON — Anyone who has ever come into contact with author and Daily Record columnist Trish Berg knows that she is always focused on her family. But now everyone else in America will get the chance to see just what family means to her when she appears on the nationally-syndicated Christian radio talk show "Focus on the Family" Thursday and Friday.

In total, "Focus on the Family," hosted by founder Dr. James Dobson and John Fuller, reaches about 220 million listeners every day, on more than 7,000 stations in 160 countries, Berg said.

With the recent release of her second book, "Rattled — Surviving Your Baby's First Year Without Losing Your Cool," Berg wanted to find a way she could share her stories with a wide audience — "Focus on the Family" was the perfect solution.

"It's one of those things," she said. "I had tried to get on 'Focus on the Family' when '(The Great American) Supper Swap' (Berg's first book) came out. It's very difficult to get on this show. The best way to describe it is it's (the show) like the Christian version of Good Morning America for the radio. I kind of gave up on it. When 'Rattled' first came out, my publicist did the same thing to try and get me on the show and nothing really came out of it."

But by chance, Berg received an e-mail on her Web site from James Werning, a freelance producer for "Focus on the Family." He told Berg his wife and he had read "Rattled" and thought she'd be a good candidate as a guest for "Focus."

After speaking with Werning for about an hour, Berg said she thought it would take "five or six weeks" to hear anything, but within a week, producers from "Focus" were contacting her through e-mail.

"They gave me a questionnaire and I had to fill it out and I had to share my faith story, my beliefs. I also had to have several references and one had to be my pastor. Within about a week, one of the references, a dear friend of mine, called me after they had contacted her. I got a call from the producer who said they'd like me to come out and do a taping," Berg said.

So in early June, Berg and her husband, Mike, flew out to Colorado



Submitted photo
Trish Berg (left) was interviewed for the nationally-syndicated Christian radio talk show "Focus on the Family." During the June taping, she spoke with host John Fuller (middle). Because of a death in his family, "Focus" founder and Fuller's co-host Dr. James Dobson was not in attendance that day, so "The Birth Order Book" author Dr. Kevin Leman (right) filled in. Her interview will air locally on Thursday and Friday at 4 p.m. on WCRF 103.3 FM.

Springs, where she was interviewed by Fuller and author of "The Birth Order Book" Dr. Kevin Leman (Dobson was out of town due to a death in his family).

"We talked about 'Rattled' and a lot about the first year of motherhood," Berg explained. "You know, things like how to live on two hours of sleep and still function. What happens to your marriage and how to reconnect ... we talked a lot about how much stress women put on themselves to be the perfect mom."

During the interview, Berg said she shared an entertaining story about a time when she was speaking at the Hearts at Home conference to an audience of 1,600 moms — it drew much laughter from the live studio audience there for her taping.

"I asked them each to lift their pants up to their knees on one leg and have each mom reach down

and rub the leg of the woman to her right to see if she shaved," Berg explained. "They laughed so loud — it was a blast. I then explained that I call not shaving on occasion part of my 'Ministry of Mediocrity.' If you have not shaved, and the woman rubbing your leg has not shaved, she thinks 'yea, me too.' If she has shaved she thinks 'well, at least I am better than her.' So not shaving your legs is a ministry to other women."

When the shows air on Thursday and Friday, Berg will be involved in a two-day live forum via the Web. "Listeners will be able to talk to me instantaneously," she said.

By far, Berg said her interview on "Focus on the Family" is the biggest step she's had in gaining national attention. She's hopeful the interview will buy her more credibility.

"This makes me very nervous but

we will see what God does with it," she said. "'Focus on the Family' is just huge ... my biggest hope is that my overall ministry, as I've felt I've been led, is helping moms simplify motherhood in all stages and in every aspect. There might be some moms out there who are struggling and I may be able to bring them some hope. ... We are all facing the same struggles but most of all, I want them to know that God is with them. That's my biggest desire."

Berg's interviews will air at 4 p.m. on Thursday and Friday on WCRF 103.3 FM. Visit www.focusonthefamily.com to get involved in Berg's live forum those days or to learn more about her interview.

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Weekend of Wheels to include annual Railroad Days

By **PAUL LOCHER**
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ORRVILLE — As part of the Weekend of Wheels, scheduled for Thursday through Aug. 10, the Orrville Railroad Heritage Society will present its annual Railroad Days.

Activities Director Roger Scott said Railroad Days, although an integral part of Weekend of Wheels for the third year, will retain the traditions of the old Depot Days, a festival celebrating Orrville's railroading heritage.

On Friday, the ORHS will have a popcorn and nachos stand in the city parking lot where the Motorin' on Market Cruise-In and Bike Night is being held at 5 p.m.

The city's train depot will be open throughout Friday evening while live musical entertainment runs from 8 p.m. to midnight in the city parking lot adjacent to the depot.

On Saturday, the ORHS will offer train and track car rides, leaving from the area of the McGill Street crossing. The Depot Museum and the gift shop will be open for tours. The gift shop will feature railroad-related T-shirts, ball caps, and other souvenir and gift items.

The ORHS will offer a locomotive walk-through for young and old alike so they can see first-hand how a locomotive operates. There will be a variety of train-related displays, including Operation Lifesaver,

which attempts to prevent railroad-related accidents.

Tickets will go on sale during Railroad Days for the ORHS Santa Train rides in December.

Scott said a change from past years is the model train flea market will not be held. Instead the ORHS will serve a Gerber chicken barbecue dinner in the depot at 4 p.m. Saturday and continuing until all the chicken is sold, probably before 6 p.m. A quarter-chicken dinner will be \$6, and a half-chicken dinner will be \$8. Dinners include apple sauce, potato chips, roll and butter and beverage.

Also starting a 4 p.m. the Orrville Community Band will present a concert at the depot, offering a combination of seasonal and patriotic music.

Throughout the afternoon Main Street Orrville will offer games and activities for children in the city parking lot near the Orrville Historical Museum, which is next to the depot.

Also participating in Railroad Days will be the Orrville Historical Society, which will open its museum at 142 Depot St. on Saturday from noon-6 p.m. The Orrville Toy and Hobby Museum at 531 Smithville Road will discount its admission price by one-third on Saturday, when it will be open from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. D&J Hobbies at 801 W. Market St. will have an operating HO scale train layout running from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. There is no charge for admission.

Benefit concert for flooded Iowa city scheduled for Saturday in Orrville

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ORRVILLE — Main Street Orrville announced it will hold a benefit concert for downtown Elkader, Iowa, which was heavily damaged by flooding in the Midwest recently.

According to Darrin Wasniewski, executive director of Main Street Orrville, the benefit concert will take place the evening of Saturday, in conjunction with the city's Weekend of Wheels celebration.

Performing on the Jarrett Logistics Systems Stage in city lot A will be The Dan Kenyon Band and The Divine Soldiers. The concert will start following The Music Farm Skateboard Extravaganza at about 7 p.m.

There will be a \$5 cover charge, with all the money collected going to assist Main Street Elkader in its recovery efforts.

"As a National Trust Main Street Community, we felt compelled to act when we heard about Elkader, Iowa, through our state coordinating agency, Heritage Ohio," said Wasniewski.

He added the benefit concert will mesh well with Weekend of Wheels, noting, "We already had all the equipment in place, and luckily the artists that we contacted saw a value in the cause."

The Dan Kenyon Band, a Christian, Indie Rock Band from Canton, will

open the show with its distinctive repertoire of music. Akron's Divine Soldiers will close out the evening.

The Divine Soldiers, Wasniewski said, are a hip-hop band with "a live show that contains a shot of pure adrenaline and healing, all at the same time. Their music and messages are captivating and life changing."

"I first want to thank the Ohio Main Street program for offering assistance to Elkader," said Roger Thomas, director of Main Street Elkader. He added, "The flood will have a lasting impact on our community."

Begun in 2006, the city's Weekend of Wheels is held the second weekend of August and is sponsored by the Orrville Area Chamber of Commerce and Main Street Orrville.

Wasniewski said the event is "a celebration of the momentum of the Orrville community."

He said wheels were chosen as a theme because "wheels are what keep this 'city of diversified industry' moving."

The Weekend of Wheels features a variety of family-oriented events held around the city Thursday through Aug. 10.

A schedule of events can be found at www.weekendofwheels.com.

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