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Sunday 6:30 p.m.**

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Contact: David Minard
(517)756-8000

**Bronson "B" Group
Thursday 6:30 p.m.**

Hosts: Evert and Linda Smith
896 Pleasant Hill Road, Bronson
Contact: Jim Wickey
(517) 369-6229

**Coldwater Group
Monday 6:30 p.m.**

Hosts: Scott & Jan Carpenter
587 Scott Drive, Coldwater
Contact: Scott Carpenter
(517) 278-3376

**East Gilead Day Group
Thursday 1:00 p.m.**

Host: Sara Jane Fair
1005 S. Snow Prairie Rd., Bronson
Contact: Mary Ellen Turner
(269-274-4757

**Bronson "A" Group
Wednesday 6:00 p.m.**

Hosts: Solano and Jennie deAraujo
974 Dewsenberry Road, Bronson
Contact: Frank Cabrera
(517) 369-9783

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Contact: Brandon Carpenter
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