

Jeffrey Gallup is a Bronson resident and a retired educator of 38 years. He is a graduate of Coldwater High School and graduated Cum Laude from Albion College. He was a teacher in Milford, Texas and Reading, Michigan, before spending most of his career in Bronson, where he retired. Jeff and his beautiful late wife, Dawn raised 3 boys, Zachary, Ryan, and Jacob in Bronson and he currently has a dog named Coby.

Alongside being a beloved teacher, Jeff has also spent much of his career as a well-respected coach for various sports and directed many school musicals and led academic teams. As a coach, he is currently seen in the community as the assistant football coach for the Coldwater Cardinals, and previously as the head coach of the Bronson Vikings, where he led the Vikings to two state play-off runs. Over the years, many track participants in Bronson and Reading have earned state championships under his leadership.

Though retired, Jeff is very active in the community, specifically his church. He is the SPRC Chairperson for the Bronson First United Methodist Church and part of the District Methodist Church Committee. Jeff is also a familiar face in the Branch County Community Choir.

In his spare time, Jeff enjoys involvement in theatre, reading, and golfing. He has also taken up cooking and home projects and learning to speak German!

When asked why he is looking forward to being a board member of the Branch County Community Foundation, Jeff said, "I'm looking forward to the opportunity to meet and work with dedicated and talented people who share a vision of what needs and opportunities exist, to serve the community in the best possible ways. It's an opportunity for personal growth and to hopefully be an asset to the foundation's goals and objectives."