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Meet The Computer Guy – Jeff Towne

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While he may be retired, Jeff Towne, a former computer engineer just can't stay away from computers.

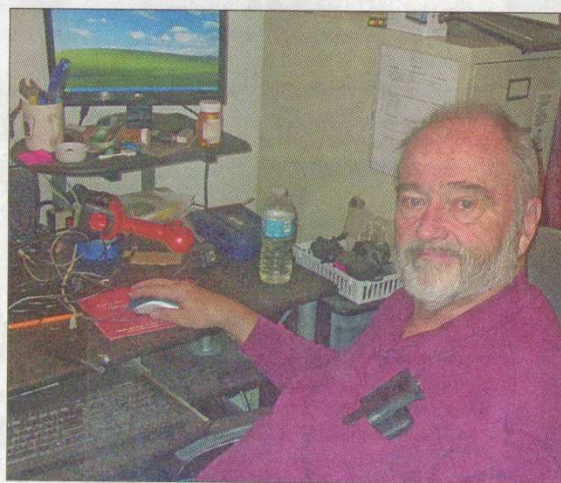
He was looking to still stay a little busy during retirement and started up his own business at home back in 2005, Jeff's Computer Service. Towne's business is helping people solve computer problems.

It just so happens a majority of Towne's clients are seniors. He strives to make seniors more comfortable with computers and wants

them be able to take advantage of today's technology without any stress.

"Computers are pretty scary. But the No. 1 thing I tell them is you can't hurt them. They worry they're going to break something, you can delete something but you can't hurt it," he said.

Towne, 73, retired from Boeing in 1998 after working as a senior software engineer for 24 years. That position enabled him to work overseas in Germany for 12 years he



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said he "made a bunch of money and was able to retire at 55."

Months back, Towne put his computer wizardry skills to good use and donated his time to refurbish nearly a few hundred computers for a Colorado Springs service group which were donating the computers to a school in Mexico.

"That kept me busy for a few months. It started it out a little thing, and then they said 'Would you do all of these?' I said yes," Towne said. "I loaded them up with Windows 7 and sent them on their way. I just love working on computers."

Towne graduated from Northeastern University in Boston with an electrical engineering degree in 1966. He started working with computers in 1969 as

an electrical engineer.

Town found himself liking the software side of computers much more than engineering.

"I started writing computer software. You get to see the results of your effort almost immediately and I loved that; the fact I got to see the results," he said. "If you're an engineer you're doing a small piece of the puzzle."

Towne said he's amazed at today's computer technology, but it definitely comes in handy for his business.

"When I work with a new customer, I go into Google and top in the word love and there are 7 billion hits in .74 seconds. I can appreciate it. I just can't understand it how they can do that," he

mentioned. "Google is my savior. I repair just about anything with Google. Type in an error message and you can find a dozen blogs that will tell you how to fix it."

While he's not getting as much business as he'd like, Towne really enjoys helping seniors. And they, in turn, spread the word and tell their friends about him. As long as he gets to continue tinkering with computers, Towne's a happy man.

"I can't necessarily tell you what I had for breakfast but I really remember computer stuff," he said.

To find out more about Jeff's Computer Service, call 719-574-8505.