

Pointers For Parents

Sharing Digital Baby Pictures

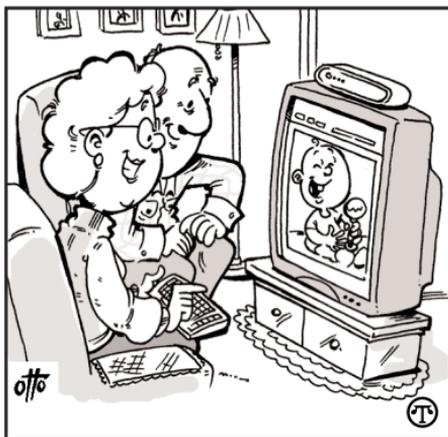
(NAPSA)—Chances are, new parents will be happy to e-mail you a photo of their baby. However, that picture is only worth a thousand words if it can be seen—and a recent study found that most grandparents cannot access pictures sent by e-mail.

Seventy-eight percent of seniors still do not have access to the Internet, according to the Pew Internet & American Life Project report, “Older Americans and the Internet.”

So what’s the best way to share digital baby pictures with grandparents? A number of families have turned to devices such as digital photo frames and photo-quality printers. The technology lets grandparents who do not own computers receive and view photos.

Families are also using technology that lets grandparents view baby pictures right on their TVs. For instance, the MSN TV 2 Internet & Media Player hooks up to phone lines and has a simple set-top box that lets people with a subscription to the MSN TV service (with or without computer experience) use e-mail, view digital photos and access the Web through their TV.

The device can be an easy way for grandparents who are not computer-savvy—or people who are



Clicking with baby: There are ways to send digital photos to grandparents who do not have computers.

visually impaired—to keep up to date with the family.

According to Sam Klepper, general manager of MSN TV at Microsoft Corp., the technology was designed to be easy to use. “It’s ideal for those just interested in an easy, nontechnical way to access the Internet and e-mail and view pictures of family and friends,” Klepper said.

He adds that the device has been helpful for people with less-than-perfect vision—not only because it allows content to be viewed on a large TV screen, but also because it has a text-size adjustment feature.