

# FOCUS.. CLICK.. DEVELOP..

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## *Editor's Comments*

The new year has started and I hope that you are excited and ready to do great things. If you decided to make a New Year's Resolution, I really hope that you will focus on it and achieve your goal.

There have been many opportunities to capture the snow and ice pictures this winter. It seems that just about every part of the states was affected in some way.

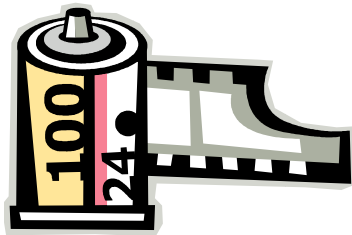
Don't forget that as the spring rains come so may the flooding and other "Mother Nature" shots.

In the Shooting Tips section, I hope to give you a little help in choosing lenses for your camera. I happen to have a Canon digital and 35mm camera in which the lenses are interchangeable. You might want to check your cameras to see if that is to your advantage also.

I know that digital cameras seem to be the "in thing" right now but if you enjoy enlarging your shots, remember that film pictures will give you the best results.

Until next time, keeping trying to get that great shot!

*Teresa*



## *Suggestions*

Ground Hog Day, Valentine's Day, President's Day, St. Patrick's Day, and the beginning of spring are all events happening in February and March. Get ready to make some memories!

It's never too early to start thinking about yearly contests that have specific categories for photos. The following are a few of the categories that the AppleJack Contest has had in the past. Maybe you can enter something this year. There are usually very good comments from the judges given.

- ✚ Everyday Life (show an aspect of someone's daily existence)
- ✚ Human-Animal Bond (show how people and animals behave toward each other)
- ✚ Humorous (something that shows humor)
- ✚ Photojournalism (communicate news by picture)
- ✚ Reflection (image formed by light, heat, sounds, etc. being reflected)
- ✚ Agriculture (relating to farming such as crops and animals)
- ❖ You might also try capturing something showing how any of the above holidays are celebrated.
- ❖ Don't forget all the new animals and babies that are born during late winter and early spring.
- ❖ Remember that most fairs offer a photo story category. Maybe you could show a field being plowed to the crop being harvested, a garden growing, a house being built, etc.

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## ***Shooting Tips***

There are many different camera lenses on the market, which makes it hard to decide which one to buy or use. So let's start with a general overview of lenses.

A telephoto lens has a focal length greater than 55mm and brings the subject closer.

A wide-angle lens has a focal length less than 40mm and increases the area of the picture.

A "regular" or "multi-use" lens has a focal length of 40-55mm and allows photographing under many different lights because it has a large aperture range.

A zoom lens without a set focal length allows both wide angle and telephoto shooting.

A macro lens is best for close up photos and is used to capture detail. These are great when photographing flowers.

It is also possible that with any of the above-mentioned lenses, you may find a digital zoom lens. The digital zoom brings the subject closer using the camera thus helping to frame the subject but does not increase the resolution.

A lens with optical zoom increases the photo details by using a lens. If an optical zoom lens has a high focal length, it is best to use only when using bright light.

I know this is a lot of information so I would suggest that you find something to photograph and using as many different lenses as you can photograph the exact same setting. Record what lens you used on which photograph and compare the results. Experimenting is the best way to learn!

## ***Resources***

If you would like to sharpen your photography judging skills, check out the Kansas 4-H Photo Action Team's website at <http://www.kansas4-h.org/actionteamPhotography/judging/judging.htm>

Do not forget to check out your local library and county extension office for more information on how to take better photographs.

## ***Events/Contests***

If you are a 4-H'er and would like to enter a contest, check out [www.4-hmall.org](http://www.4-hmall.org) and look for information about the 2009 calendar contest. The deadline for this contest is March 1, 2007.

If you are a Kansas 4-H'ers, you will want to attend the 4-H Photo Extravaganza in Wichita, Kansas, March 2-3, 2007. This is a great event and you will learn a lot. Friday night offers a photography workshop and photo opportunities. Saturday is filled with photography judging, another workshop, and awards. This event is for all ages. There is even non-competitive judging for those just beginning their photography journey. Pre-registration is required. For more information, contact your local extension office or visit <http://www.kansas4-h.org/actionteamPhotography/photoevents.htm>

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## Events/Contests Continued

The magazine "Town Square" is looking for photos and articles. Check out the website

<http://www.townsquaremagazine.com/> for more details.

You might watch your local newspapers for photography events held in your area. There are many photographers who travel and conduct workshops for all ages. Your local film-developing store may even know of an event close to you.



## Test Your Knowledge

1. A close subject gives a \_\_\_\_\_
  - A. Large depth of field
  - B. Shallow depth of field
2. An uncompressed image format is \_\_\_\_
  - A. GIF
  - B. PNG
  - C. JPEG
  - D. BMP
3. If additive colors are mixed together equally, they create \_\_\_\_
  - A. Red
  - B. Blue
  - C. White
  - D. Black
4. Shoot images at the highest practical resolution to allow for \_\_\_\_
  - A. More color
  - B. Less memory space
  - C. Less pixels
  - D. Enlargements and cropping
5. The diameter of the lens opening is called the \_\_\_\_
  - A. Zoom
  - B. Focus
  - C. Aperture
  - D. F/stop
6. A device that opens and closes to permit light onto the image sensor is the \_\_\_\_
  - A. F/stop
  - B. Shutter
  - C. Zoom
  - D. Aperture
7. The best photo quality is always the result of using the \_\_\_\_ ISO setting available.
  - A. Lowest
  - B. Highest
8. By using a fast shutter speed, the subject will appear \_\_\_\_
  - A. Blurred
  - B. Frozen
  - C. Out of focus
9. Color requires light and an object to reflect the light.
  - A. True
  - B. False
10. Fonts on a printed page are measured in \_\_\_\_
  - A. Pixels
  - B. Points
  - C. Axels
  - D. Formats

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## Just For Fun

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A=1 B=2 C=3 D=4 E=5 F=6  
G=7 H=8 I=9 J=10 K=11  
L=12 M=13 N=14 O=15 P=16  
Q=17 R=18 S=19 T=20 U=21  
V=22 W=23 X=24 Y=25 Z=26

Answers to Dec/Jan Test Your Knowledge.

1.T, 2.T, 3.F, close ups are much better and easier to do 4.T, 5.T, 6.T,

Answers to Dec/Jan Just For Fun

Another word for black and white – G  
Monochrome

Parts of a photograph – B Elements

Protects the lens – F Lens cap

Top part of a tripod which allows for vertical or horizontal shots – A Ball head

Used to keep out certain colors and protects the lens – D Filters

Similar to a cable release but is not attached to the camera – I Remote release

Lengthens the lens – C Extender

The beginning photo before any adjustments are made – H Proof

Helps to control camera shake – J Stabilizer  
This increases a lens' focal length – K  
Teleconverter  
E Gear was not used but would be another word for equipment

## Contest Updates

Several of our readers have submitted photos to the Ranger Rick magazine contest. Remember if your photo is picked, please let me know and we'll mention it in the next newsletter.

## P.S.

If one of your photographs or an article you have written is published in a newspaper or magazine or wins a top award in a contest, let me know and I'll publish it in the next newsletter.

If you have an idea for a photograph or a technique that has worked for you, let me know so we can share it with others.

Don't forget that if you have any questions or suggestions, you can e-mail me at [photoks4h@hotmail.com](mailto:photoks4h@hotmail.com) for instructions on how to get published in my newsletter, submit a suggestion, or for answers to your questions.

## Can You Help???

Some of our readers are having a hard time finding photo labs that do not print a border on an 8x10 and larger. Do you know of any labs that will work with 4-H'ers and help with the photo requirements?

Do you know of any easy way to get a photo mounted on a mat board and not have any edges?