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Photography tips

- Adjust your camera settings to take the largest photos possible. Many cellphone images are not large enough for publication in the newspaper, and some aren't large enough for publication online.
- Make sure your subject is in focus.
- Keep your hands steady. Movement can cause an image to turn out blurry.
- If you are photographing people outside on a sunny day, use a flash to prevent shadows on their faces.
- Do not place people right up against a wall. Bring them out away from it a couple of feet.
- Get as close as possible to your subject. (If you are photographing a fire or wreck, maintain a safe distance and keep out of the way of emergency personnel.)
- Look at the image to make sure no one blinked.

Submission guidelines

- Emailed photos should be sent as .jpg attachments. Do not submit photos through a word processor document such as Microsoft Word. Place cutline information in the body of the email. If you are submitting the photos online, send them as a .jpg, .TIFF or RAW (.NEF)
- Do not run photos through any kind of editing program. This includes but is not limited to Instagram and the Kodiak EasyShare software.
- Include as much information about the photo as possible: people's first and last names, where the photo was taken, when the photo was taken and what is going on in the photo. Your photo may be rejected if this information is not provided.
- Please submit each photo only once. Because of the large volume of submissions we receive, it may take several days to a few weeks before publication.

Following these tips and guidelines will help ensure the quality of your image is good enough for publication. Questions may be emailed to readerphotos@daltoncitizen.com.

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