



Artist's Statement



For my photojournalistic essay I decided to make it about a place that I go to for all my problems to go away, Mexico. Why I choose this place to be the focus of my project is because I feel very connected to Mexico. Mexico is where my parents were born and raised and going there make me see a part of my parents childhood. Mexico also brings peace to me because how different life is there from the United States. It always feel like time just paused and you can finally breathe and really enjoy life. How Hardee county connects with Mexico to me is that it is very accepting of the culture— that's why me and my family love it here. You can go out in the streets and you will find so many Mexican restaurants and stores. There also events that happen here in Hardee honoring our culture and I think that is something very beautiful to see how appreciated and accepted we are here.



This is a statue of Venustiano Carranza, Carranza was civil war leader in Mexico. He was also the first president of the new Mexican republic.



Mapmi is a town in Durango and the house are more of an older style.



This is a ghost town in Durango Mapimi that is connected to a Abandoned mine.



This is the puente de Ojuela and it connects the ghost town and the abandoned mine.



This is in Juarez and Juarez is a city but my Uncle has a ranch that takes 30 minutes of driving on a dirt road to get to.



A Mexican
dog from my
uncle's ranch.



This my uncle
waiting for the pork
skin to unfreeze so
he can cook it for
the family.



A catholic
church in
Juarez
downtown.



The OXXO is one of the most known gas stations in Mexico and it was founded in Monterrey in 1976.



There is so many reasons why I love Mexico. The food is good, it has beautiful sceneries, and great music, but the my most favorite thing about Mexico is letting all my stress out and really spending some quality time with my family as its seen in this picture.