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LION PRIDE

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Maroon is in the house

REAL pride is LION PRIDE!

Picture the scenario. It's Friday, and everywhere you look maroon clouds your vision. Your day is full of pawprints and pom poms; everyone is pumped up, talkative and excited. It's called School Spirit, and BHS is filled to brim with it. In high school, pride for school is super important, and Lion pride is felt around every corner. When some think about the Lions', they automatically think football, but we are all Lions. Every member of the band, drill team, volleyball and of course football is a Lion! Every student that graces the halls of BHS is a Lion. It's your choice whether to be a proud Lion or not, but when we look around at a pep rally and see the hundreds of supportive people, dedicated performers and inspirational speakers, we really notice our school spirit and pride. Now everyone needs to get out there, support our teams and show the world that <u>REAL</u> pride is LION PRIDE!

Tradition of morning pep rallies a thing of past

With each new school year comes changes, and one of this year's changes is the time of the pep rallies.

Traditions in Brownwood are very important; not only to the school, but to the community. And as most people know, things don't change much in Brownwood. One of the strongest traditions in Brownwood is, of course, Football Fridays. Though the game does not start until 7:30, the community can begin the day with spirit and excitement by participating in the annual Friday morning pep rallies. Wait; they are in the morning, right?

Not anymore! No longer at 9:40 in the morning, the pep rallies now take place after lunch at 1:20. Though there has been discussion of changing the pep rally times for the past few years, students were relatively shocked at the news.

"I was disappointed when I first heard of the change," said Senior Kelcey May. "It seemed weird to imagine pep rallies in the afternoon."

Though protest came from students who are used to the constant environment of this tradition-obsessed town, there was nothing they could do but attend the first afternoon pep rally, to see what it was like.

As it turns out, there is not much that is different. The cheerleaders are still cheering, the drill team is still dancing, the students are still yelling, the freshmen have their usual trouble with the class yells (but they'll learn), and the band and drum line are still rockin' away.

"The pep rally in the afternoon was not bad at all", said May. "It was pretty much the same as the morning pep rallies."

When the football players have to leave for an early game, the pep rallies will most likely be placed at an earlier time in the day. This way, the football boys will still be able to attend their pep rally.

So the afternoon pep rallies are not exactly the same as the morning pep rallies, but pretty darn close. Whether it is morning or afternoon, a pep rally is still a pep rally. And as long as the seniors keep coming, and the student body keeps yelling, the tradition of the pep rally will remain the same at BHS.