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If you didn't wear pink to last Thursday's home Longhorn basketball games, you were in the minority.

Shades of pink filled both sides of the gym bleachers as Chase County and Perkins County met for varsity girls' and boys' games, and at the same time, helped raise funds for local cancer patients.

There was plenty of pink on the playing floor, too, as three of the four varsity teams sported special jerseys for the "Pink Out" fundraiser.

Organizing the event were the FFA chapters at the two high schools. Each chapter raised funds for cancer efforts in their communities.

Imperial FFA Advisor Jason Speck said \$2,750 was raised for the Chase County Community Hospital Foundation.

The funds will be earmarked for help in travel and other expenses by local cancer patients who are undergoing treatments.

Speck said the \$2,750 was raised from the 600 T-shirts the Imperial chapter sold in the effort, coupled with donations from local businesses.

The business donations purchased the special pink and white jerseys worn by both varsity girls' teams and the Longhorn boys' teams in their respective contests. Those funds also purchased the 11 pink and gray polo shirts worn by coaches on both sides.

Some of the business donations beyond the cost of the shirts and jerseys went toward the \$2,750 donation.

In addition, money from a special halftime three-point shooting contest hosted by the CCS Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) chapter were also contributed to the hospital foundation, Speck said.

Funds raised by the Perkins County FFA chapter and business donations will help purchase a new mammogram machine for the hospital in Grant.

Speck said the FFA chapters want to make this fundraiser an annual event.

Next year, the "Pink Out" games will be held between the two teams in Grant. The chapters plan to buy another set of jerseys for each team, so each squad has a home and away uniform for future contests.



