

Celeste Pankonin, Mathew May

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Celeste Nicole Pankonin and Mathew Lloyd May were united in marriage at Saint Paul United Methodist Church in downtown Lincoln on Sunday, May 27.

Rev. Stephen Griffith officiated the afternoon ceremony.

Parents of the couple are Russ and Lori Pankonin and Tim and Tammy May, all of Imperial.

Grandmothers include Elna Johnson of Imperial, Hulda Pankonin of Grant and Shirley May and Agnes Wynne, both of Scottsbluff. Roses adorned the altar in memory of the couple's grandfathers.

Serving as the bride's matron of honor was her sister, Brooke Lutz. Bridesmaids were Robyn Johnson, the bride's cousin, and Kylie Seger, Emily Yaw and Ellen Reichmuth, friends of the couple. Taylor Pugh served as the bride's personal attendant.

Taylor and Michael May served as their brother's best men. Groomsmen were Jay Martin, Tyler Legate and Lance Thorell, friends of the couple. Kevin Thomsen and Jim Ebke, friends of the couple, and Jeff Lutz, the bride's brother-in-law, ushered the guests.

Flower girls were Tayvin and Preslin Lutz, the bride's nieces, and ring bearer was Tatum May, the groom's nephew. Austin Lutz, the bride's nephew, served as greeter and program attendant.

Guest book attendants were Blayke Johnson and Molly Brandt, cousins of the bride. Duncan Brandt, the bride's cousin, was videographer. Matt Penland was the reader during the ceremony and the bride's cousin, Michelle Phifer, was the soloist.

A reception followed at the Cornhusker. Bruce and Lorain Vires and Skip and Kathe Martin, special friends of the couple, served as host couples.

The bride and groom, 2007 Chase County High School graduates, are making their home in Lincoln where the bride, a 2011 University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL) graduate, is attending UNL graduate school to obtain her master's degree in Speech Language Pathology. The groom, a 2012 UNL Business Administration and Marketing graduate, works at Hudl, a Lincoln-based software company offering sports technology support across the U.S. and internationally.