



Join Us for the Opening of Heritage House

June 10, 2025

Hello everyone,

On Sunday, July 27, come out to Ormiston for a special event and celebration to turn over the church properties to the new Ormiston & District Historical Society. The program is as follows:

10 a.m. – Church service

11:15-11:30 a.m. – Ceremony to officially transfer the properties to the
Ormiston & District Historical Society

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. – Opening of Heritage House: Enjoy a museum preview

12:30-1:30 p.m. – Catered lunch at Ormiston Community Hall
Beef on a bun and homemade pie

1:30-2:15 p.m. – Presentation by Prairie Past: Disappearing Saskatchewan

It was 100 years ago that the branch line was completed from Amulet to Cardross. The towns sprung up along the line, as elevators were built and stores, post offices, blacksmiths and automobile garages were established in the new townsites. In 1926, the first trains arrived. It was the beginning of a new era.

We look forward to seeing you this summer. Please register your attendance at blamberton@classiscanadiantours.com. The admission for the day is \$30 per person. We need you to confirm if you plan to attend and provide the numbers in your party. Bring cash, as admission will be collected at the door.

Bill Lamberton

Committee Chair, Ormiston & District Historical Society



Special guests: Prairie Past

Alicia and Corey of *Prairie Past* are a wife-and-husband duo dedicated to preserving rural heritage through photography, videography and drone work. Since 2008, they've explored abandoned buildings, historic sites and forgotten communities across Saskatchewan and beyond, capturing the fading stories of the Canadian Prairies. Their self-funded work is a tribute to the people and places that shaped the region. In their presentation, they'll highlight disappearing sites — churches, elevators, schoolhouses and more — focusing on the changing rural landscape and notable locations like Ormiston Mining and Smelting, Crane Valley School and other sites in the RM of Excel.

See more at prairiepast.com

