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Above, William Duggan, right, Four County Community Foundation board member presents Richard Beringer, museum curator, with the donation sign. Below, the new ramp.

(Photos courtesy of Richard Beringer)

## Period kept in mind when museum ramp designed

The Four County Community Foundation grant along with Romeo Historical Society funds have provided a new look for the Bancroft-Stranahan Museum on Church Street.

The new handicapped ramp on the side of the museum will provide easy and safe access to the museum. Architect Jason Arnott of Romeo helped to design the ramp. Although Greek Revival homes never had handicapped ramps, the Historical Society tried to design one that would fit with the 1868 museum. Repairs were also done to the heat ducts and gutters.

The Bancroft-Stranahan Museum is one of three Romeo Historical Society museums. The 1868 Greek Revival has period settings depicting pre-Victorian and Victorian rooms. Furniture and period clothing are displayed.

The Society also displays an oil painting collection by Romeo artists, such as William Gibbs. The museum has been in operation for about 40 years. The Craig Blacksmith museum and the Romeo Arts and Archives Museum also give tours to visitors. The archives building is usually open 7-9 p.m. every Tuesday.



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