



Today this building is home to The Lewis County Historical Museum, but did you know it was once a train station? It was built in 1912 for the Northern Pacific Railroad. Do you see the large tree stump outside the museum? It is very important to Chehalis' history. It is called the "McKinley Stump." It was cut from a 360 year-old tree to serve as a speaking platform for President William McKinley in 1901. Unfortunately, President McKinley never made it to Chehalis, but President Theodore Roosevelt did! On May 23, 1903 he gave a speech from this very stump. Later, Presidents William Howard Taft and Franklin D. Roosevelt also spoke to the Chehalis community from the McKinley Stump.