

# Nail tech brings 'fakes' to Enterprise



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Dajah LaFave discovered a need and met it

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**E**NTERPRISE — Dajah LaFave saw a need in Enterprise and set up a Eastern Oregon Nail Co. to meet it.

She only recently learned that despite numerous beauty regimens available here, no one did “fake” nails. By “fake,” she clarified that means acrylic nails or nail extensions, in addition to a regular manicure of one’s natural nails.

She said that last year, her parents had the opportunity to buy a bed and breakfast in Imnaha and encouraged her to check out Wallowa County.

“They were, like, ‘Oh, the atmosphere here is so amazing,’ so I decided to check it out and I found out nobody down here does (fake) nails,” she said. “When I heard nobody here was doing fake nails, I thought my business would do well here.”

LaFave opened shop Tuesday, April 6, by renting space at Belle Salon, at 200 W. Main St.

She said that when she posted her opening on Facebook, response was overwhelming.



Dajah LaFave recently opened the Eastern Oregon Nail Co. at Belle Salon in Enterprise. She told of her new venture Thursday, April 8, 2021.

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“The response I got was just insane. I booked 25 people last night,” she said Thursday, April 8. “I got home and when my phone got service, it was like, ‘ding, ding, ding, ding,’ people wanting to get their nails done. I’m going to do so well. I’m so excited to be able to meet everybody here and get to know the community. Everybody here knows everybody.”

But, she said, it’s more than just about doing business — it’s about becoming

part of the community. “I’ve had people come in and say, ‘Hi, how’s your mom?’ but I don’t know who anybody is,” she said. “But I want to be able to get that closeness.”

LaFave had been operating a business in Forest Grove, near Portland before coming to Enterprise. Her dad, Rick LaFave, recently moved his welding and fabricating shop, Renaissance Design Fabrication and Powder Coating from Forest Grove. Her mom, Carey

LaFave, is a stay-at-home mom.

Dajah’s immediate family consists of her two dogs.

“I have a ‘wiener dog’ named Oscar Meyer Wiener and a pit bull named Thor,” she said, but otherwise, she’s single.

“I’m only 20 years old. I’m too young,” she said. “I’ve got too much life to live. ... I’m just trying to live every day by day.”

After a stint at cosmetology school — Bella Institute in Beaverton — that

was dragged out from four to six months because of the COVID-19 pandemic, she got her nail technician license and set up shop in Forest Grove.

“You have to do a certain amount of literal hands-on work and a certain amount of services in order to graduate,” she said. “It’s kind of ironic that I went to Bella Institute and ended up at Belle Salon.”

In addition to acrylic nails, LaFave does regular manicures, overlays and

forms, which are filled with a liquid product that can be shaped.

“I’m really big on designs, so I do a lot of them,” she said. “There’s tons of other things you can do. I do pedicures and foot rubbing. There’s also hard gels, like acrylics. For me, personally, it’s better for my nails ... it doesn’t do as much damage to them. But it just depends.”

Shop owner Amy Anton was eager to have another nail tech in her establishment.

“There’s a need for it. We’ve been having a lot of calls and unfortunately, we’re only one person and can only do so much and have a pretty full clientele,” Anton said. “Having Dajah come in and ask to work was pretty awesome. We’re pretty excited. We’re trying to do everything we can to help her out and get her going and she’s doing pretty well on her own. I think she’s going to do pretty well.”

LaFave’s hours are Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. She can be reached by phone at 503-849-3896. See some of her work on her Facebook page.

But she urges potential customers to call soon for an appointment.

“Book soon, because people are coming left and right and I’ll probably be full,” she said.

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1. Rotary phone feature
5. \_\_\_ on the back
9. Doctor-repelling fruit, proverbially
14. A fan of
15. Modern home of the Americas’ oldest-known civilization
16. Classic cleaning compound
17. Expressive bar patron?
19. Justice Kagan
20. Country south of Sicily
21. Countess’s husband
23. List unit
24. John Legend hit whose lyrics mention “perfect imperfections”
26. Slightly more than never
28. Renter
29. Person who retouches photos, informally?
33. Went fast
35. Reveal that you know
36. Compen-sated
40. Sooner’s alternative ... or, read as two parts, a theme hint
42. Nine-digit IDs
43. Mythical mischief-makers
45. Broadcast again
47. What lets you convert a summer shirt into a winter one?
49. Woos
54. “The Aeneid”
55. Be immediately noticeable
56. Layered hairdo
58. Experiment results
61. Seaside
62. Time to solve this crossword
64. Boxer’s training clock?
66. Superior group
67. Voice above bass
68. Claim on a house, say
69. Doles (out)
70. Enjoy time off
71. One can refract light

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### CLUES DOWN

1. Gloomy
2. Take a breath
3. Coral islands
4. Drawing games?
5. Sauna site
6. River restraint
7. Locality
8. Happy cat sound
9. Sixteenth prez
10. Codes of conduct and others
11. Deceptive excuses
12. Quiet road, or part of a busy one
13. Test
18. Thin cookie
22. Salmon at a deli
25. Breakfast, lunch or dinner
27. Org. for backs and ends
29. Pumpkin eater of rhyme
30. Imaginative thought
31. Very long time
32. O.R. workers
34. Show concern
36. Word before “shop” or “project”
37. Tavern offering
38. “That’s enough!”
39. Convention attendee
41. Alternative to pasta, perhaps
44. Knight’s title
46. Cook in the oven
48. Doze (off)
50. How Sisyphus constantly travels
51. Fellow resident, informally
52. Soup dish
53. Backs of boats
55. Endures
56. Dandelion part
57. Swiss cheese feature
59. Way off
60. One of 100 in Scrabble
63. “That’s right!”
65. Youngster



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