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### Deaf into the New Year.

This year for my deaf for a day, I chose Monday, January 31st, 2019 where I was deaf into the New Year. At first, I did not realize the date as I only planned 'Monday', but I made it work with my family and had a lot of fun. Some of the requirements this year was to have a full conversation with a total stranger and watch a movie. By going out to lunch and watching "Silver Bullet" by Stephen King I accomplished these requirements.

As mentioned, I planned a 'Monday' to complete my deaf for a day since it was the only day that Nathan, my boyfriend, was off from work. He really liked experiencing my deaf for a day last year and hoped to be a part of it this year too. I warned Nathan beforehand that when I drove I will have to take out my ear-plugs since it would be dangerous for us, so when I picked him up he forgot I was deaf and I had to ignore him until he remembered. Before I started to car we used my phone to say hi, goodmorning, and that we were excited for the day ahead of us. After I picked him up, we went to my house to plan what we wanted to do.

Around noon, Nathan and I went to Subway for our date and there I told Nathan that he would have to let me complete the transaction alone so that I could complete my deaf day requirements. When it was my turn to order, I showed the employee my phone which stated this: "Hello, my name is Syrena and I am deaf. I would like..." The employee smiled and was really helpful. He actually took off one glove to type his responses on my phone to complete my order and asked how my day had gone so far. It made me feel good that he asked about my day. He finished my sandwich and we talked about how cold it is outside and how excited we were for

the new year. It was a very nice conversation and it made my day. Nathan and I tipped the gentleman and sat inside to eat. Before we left, I asked Nathan to translate for me and taught him the sign for 'Happy New Year' and as we left Nathan told the employee "Happy New Year" as I signed it. He smiled and waved at us as we left. It was an amazing lunch.

Later, Nathan and I went back home and watched "Silver Bullet" by Stephen King: a horror movie about a werewolf terrorizing a town and the person to stop him is a handicapped, young man with his sister and uncle. It was different and not as scary to me; I learned that sound effects make the whole movie and I actually understood it. The "Silver Bullet" was a good movie. By the time it ended though, everyone in my family was showing up for the New Year party hosted at my house so Nathan and I went back upstairs to join everybody. I was bored since no one was really talking to me so I asked my little sister and Nathan if they wanted to play Uno (card game) for the rest of the night until the countdown. I was still deaf into the New Year, not talking once, and did not take my ear-plugs out until I went to bed.

I had a really good day and it was better than last year's deaf for a day. My day was closer to the first deaf for a day I did: I had fun, and was not being totally ignored. It still got harder towards the end of the day; especially since my deaf day was longer than the last two I had completed. However, I still would not have it any other way. My favorite part out of the whole day was when I played Uno. I would sign '1' and shake my hand in order for everyone to understand that I was saying 'Uno' and everyone else copied that so I would know. It was great and I laughed so many times that day. It was a happy day, even when times I felt lonely, my sister would see my face or Nathan would and they would ask if I wanted to do something or another. I would do it again and never change a thing. I was deaf into the New Year.