

From: Marie Reynolds
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Subject: ATTN Tiffany Griffith

Ms. Griffith,

Thanks

I'm writing to thank you for the article titled "White Forsyth Man Confronts Past Racism" in the November 5th Herald. I read it this morning just before getting ready to toss the paper and I didn't make it past the first half of the first sentence in the second paragraph before I burst into tears. From my crumpled wet face came the words, "That all lives matter, is NOT a political statement." [NOTE: The referenced quote in the story says: "Black Lives Matter is not a political statement."]

The article was very well written. I appreciate especially that it was not just about Zack Arlas' journey, but it outlined a path, whereby we can both have compassion for not wanting to be blamed for our culturally-programmed racism, and a route to discovery where we might become a better human, each of us. I appreciate that it was in that sweet spot between a call to action without being pushy or opinionated, and an uplifting success story that felt like a celebration of a small victory by one small soldier.

I am grateful that you included the information about the YMCA program. (I'd love to see those resources printed in bold like a link within an article!)

Your article felt personal and it affected me. I know I have more room to grow and will pursue a deeper exploration here and may invite some other women to do so with me, beginning with the resources you printed.

Thank you, Zack Arlas!

Thank you, Herald!

And Thank you, especially Tiffany Griffith!

Sincerely,

Marie Reynolds
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