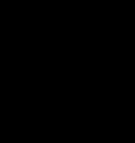


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- On Tue, Jul 24, 2018 at 2:46 PM, Wayne G. Jones <wjones@suffolkva.us> wrote:
- I heard on the grapevine that you collect balloons from cleanups? If so, I am working on an art piece that I want to stuff with balloon debris and Im looking for lots and lots of balloons. ???
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- Thanks
- Wayne
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Hi Wayne,

I seem to have an interesting reputation!

How many balloons would you like? I have boxes and if I don't have enough, my research partner has more. Sadly.

Where will the artwork be displayed? The reason I ask is that our report on the 5 years of research that we've been doing on balloon litter should be out by mid-August.
Christina







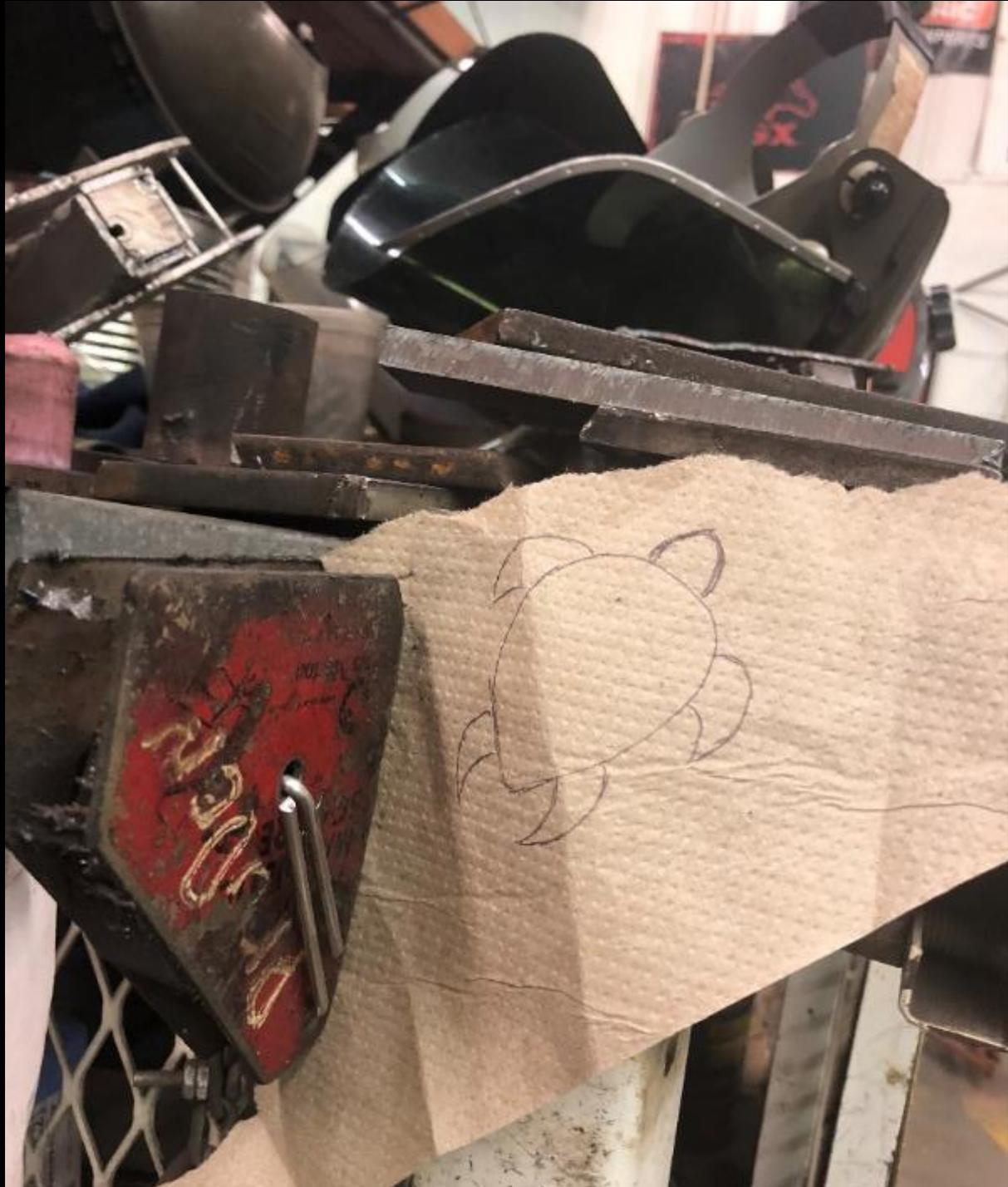


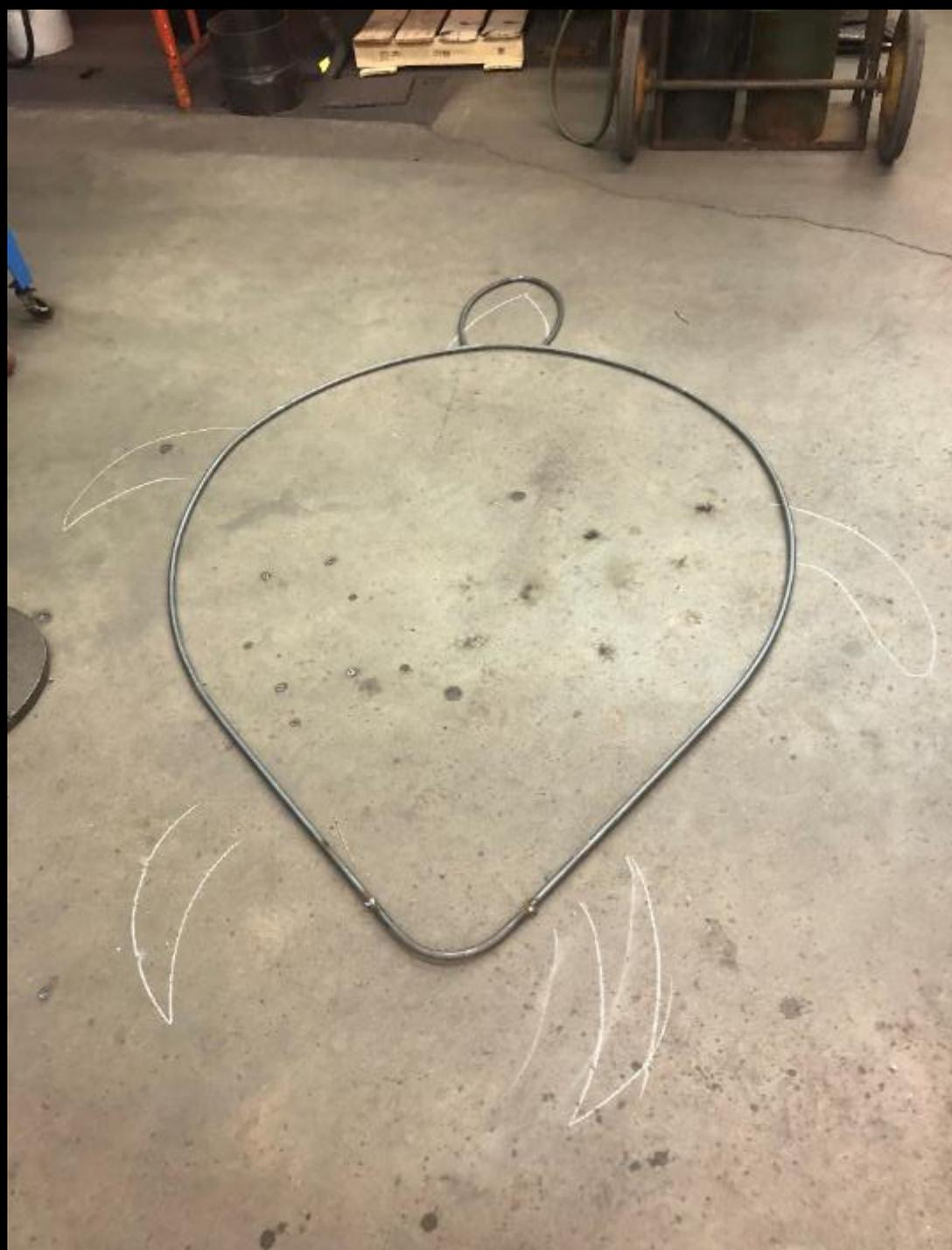




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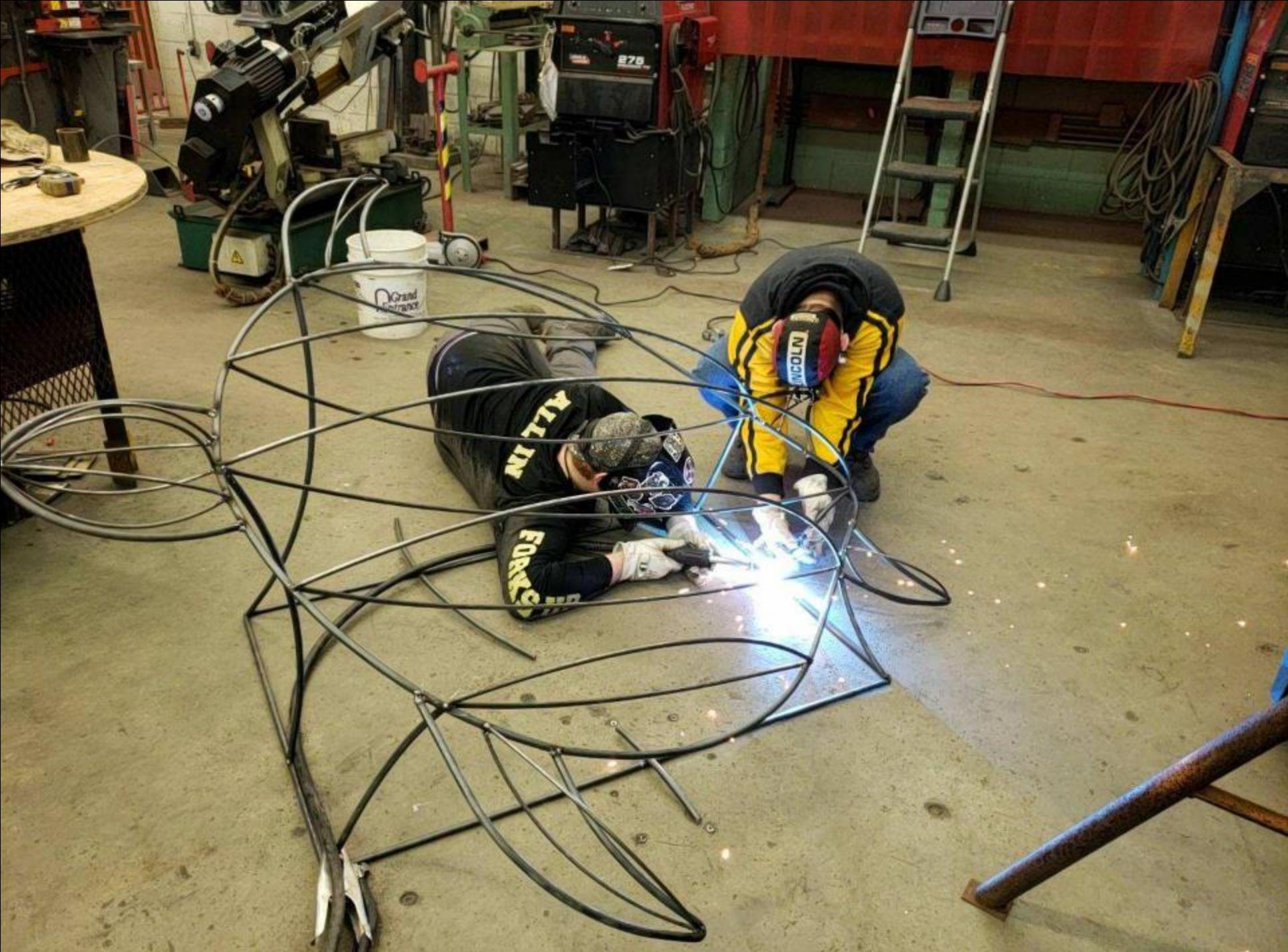






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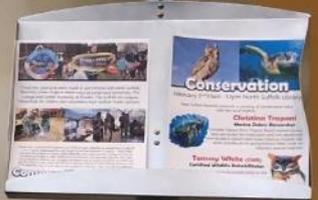
Christina Trapani
Marine Debris Researcher

Christina Trapani from Virginia Beach worked closely with sea turtles for many years and now researches marine debris (beach and ocean litter) in Virginia. Her work includes an on-going balloon-litter study on Virginia's remote beaches.

Tommy White (CWR)
Certified Wildlife Rehabilitator

Tommy White has been rehabilitating injured birds to the wild for many years. He operates Albemarle Keep Wildlife Rehabilitation Center here in Suffolk. Live birds will be with him!

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From June 2013 to November 2017, researchers Christina Trapani and Kathy O'Hare conducted 46 balloon-related litter surveys.

The surveys totaled approximately 111 linear miles of remote Virginia beaches.

During this period, 11,641 balloons and balloon-related litter items were recorded.

"People just don't think about released balloons being litter. It's a problem when you see mass balloon releases at weddings, funerals, sports games and other events. But all balloons return to earth and can be very damaging to our wildlife, especially sea turtles and shorebirds." *Christina Trapani, Marine Debris Researcher*

This project was a partnership between Keep Suffolk Beautiful, Suffolk Art League and Suffolk Public Schools. The College and Career Academy at Proctor visited the Sea Turtles and Shorebirds. Students and volunteers filled them with balloons that were collected during the surveys. Washing up cleaning forces the Sea to hold them. We want to make people think twice about releasing a balloon.

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The research was supported by the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the Virginia Partnership Island Longshore Committee. A full report can be found by visiting www.VirginiaPartnership.com.

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