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## Frozen body and cause of death identified by coroner

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BELLEVUE – The Lucas County Coroner's Office performed an autopsy and identified the frozen body of an elderly man found in Bellevue on Dec. 22.

The official autopsy report confirmed that the body found was that of David E. England, 68, of Bellevue, with suicide as the coroner's opinion for the cause and

"ligature compression of the neck," the method.

"It is my opinion that David England died of ligature compression of the neck. Manner of death: suicide - encircled neck with zip tie," Deputy Coroner Dwayne Wolf wrote, which was co-signed by Lucas County Coroner Dr. Thomas Blomquist. Wolf performed the examination.

Around 3:14 p.m. Dec. 22, the Sandusky County Sheriff's Office received a

call from a citizen advising of a possible body on a property just southwest of the City of Bellevue.

The coroner report noted that the body was in a state of moderate-to-advanced decomposition, and that it was frozen when recovered from the scene. Despite partial skeletonization and indication of scavenger activity, the zip tie was still around the neck.

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## PEAK VELOCITY



While Steel Vengeance was listed as the No. 3 Best Roller Coaster in the country in USA Today's 10BEST contest earlier this year, the park's newest attractions were just named Best New Theme Park Attractions for 2025. PROVIDED BY CEDAR POINT

## Siren's Curse, Top Thrill 2, Dawn Breaker earn top attraction honors

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SANDUSKY - USA TODAY has included three area attractions in its 10BEST New Theme Park Attractions for 2025.

On the Top 10 list are: No. 4 - Siren's Curse at Cedar Point; No. 6 - Top Thrill 2 at Cedar Point; and Dawn Breaker at Kalahari Resort Sandusky.

This is the second time in 2025 that both the park and resort have been tapped by USA TODAY for its 10BEST Readers' Choice Awards.

Kalahari Resorts, with various national locations, including one in Sandusky, was named the No. 1 Best Indoor Water Resort earlier in 2025. Kalahari offers an indoor pool and hotel accommodations and several restaurants, a market, a Build-a-Bear store and other

shops. The Sandusky resort is located at 7000 Kalahari Drive off U.S. 250.

This was the third consecutive year Kalahari has celebrated receiving the USA Today's 10BEST Readers' Choice Award for Best Indoor Water Park.

The Dawn Breaker indoor extreme water slide was added in 2025 at the Sandusky resort.

Cedar Point opened for its 2025 season May 3 and is promoting the new Siren's Curse "tilt" roller coaster and the reopening of Top Thrill 2 in 2025. Besides being recognized for its top coasters, Cedar Point also became part of the Six Flags Corporation in 2025.

Under the Theme Park Awards in early 2025, Cedar Point's Steel Vengeance in Sandusky took the No. 3 spot for Best Roller Coaster. Cedar Point, which labels itself the "Roller Coaster Capital of the World," has 18 roller coasters plus other rides, food, shops and

motel accommodations on the peninsula with a beach on Lake Erie.

### Siren's Curse, Top Thrill 2 take two spots on list

While Steel Vengeance was not a new park attraction in 2025, Siren's Curse and Top Thrill 2 did take two spots in the Best New Theme Park Attractions for USA TODAY in 2026 — in a list released Jan. 2.

Cedar Point reports Siren's Curse is North America's Tallest, longest and fastest tilt coaster. According to the Cedar Point website, the coaster's top speed is 58 miles per hour and its top elevation is 160 feet. The ride lasts 120 seconds.

Top Thrill 2 is reported to be the tallest and fastest triple-launch strata coaster. It has a speed of 120 miles per hour and reaches an elevation of 420 feet on a vertical tower for a 120-second ride that travels 3,422 feet, according to the park's website.

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## Give your Christmas trees a second life

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USA TODAY NETWORK

PORT CLINTON - Christmas has come and gone, and the time to take down holiday decorations has arrived. Local residents have at least two options to remove their live trees.

### African Safari Wildlife Park

Eco-conscious Ohioans looking to sustainably dispose of their Christmas trees can bring them to African Safari Wildlife Park as a post-holiday treat for bison, cattle, alpacas and deer.

The trees will be used as enrichment,

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African Safari Wildlife Park will accept real Christmas trees as a post-holiday treat for bison, cattle, alpacas and deer through Jan. 8.

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