

## 3 boys turn up mammoth bone in southwest Michigan

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(AP) -- Three boys in southwest Michigan have turned up what has been identified as a bone from a mammoth.

The Herald-Palladium of St. Joseph reports brothers Ethan and Evan Hoge and their cousin Sebastian O'Connor found the [bone](#) March 21 on top of soil that had been scraped from a drain in Baroda Township.

Nine-year-old Ethan, 7-year-old Evan and 10-year-old Sebastian regularly spent time looking for antique bottles and other items around what was once a railroad line along the edge of their family's property.

But that day they and two uncles found the bone instead. Tom Goodwin, a professor of paleobiology at Andrews University, identified it as a vertebral section from the lower back of a Jefferson's [mammoth](#).

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