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### Second grade students handle snakes

Second graders in Liberal got to touch snakes Wednesday at the Rec Center. Liberal Parks and Recreation, Liberal Memorial Library, and the Seward County Conservation District co-sponsored a snake demonstration by Brian Bartels. Students got to touch "Poppa" the bull snake and other snakes in Bartels' demonstration. Bartels works with the Sternberg Museum in Hays; he says that even poisonous snakes serve a useful role in the ecosystem. Bartels' snake show was part of Earth Day activities in the Liberal public schools.

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