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## The Utica Zoo Celebrates Polly's 25th Year at the Zoo Saturday, August 26

Polly, a Mollucan Cockatoo, celebrates her 25th year at the Utica Zoo. Polly has been used in education programs and has been on exhibit during the summer for many years. She is well known to residents of the Mohawk Valley, and visitors arrive each year asking if she is still around.

The day's activities will include the following:

11:00 - 3:00	Dave Johnston, a long-time zoo docent, will be present at Polly's exhibit to tell visitors about Polly and answer questions.
1:00	Gathering at Polly's exhibit to sing "Happy Anniversary" (Cake will be served while available)
11:00 - 3:00	The Caged Bird Society will have a variety of parrots, cockatiels, macaws, and more on display in the auditorium.
11:00 - 3:00	Kids can make and take home their own cockatoo.

The Utica Zoo is open daily from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. Admission is \$3.50 for adults, \$1.75 for children 2 - 12, Seniors are \$3.00, and children under 2 are admitted free of charge. The Yaks and Snacks concession stand can serve food and beverage needs, and the Gift Shop has a wide variety of souvenirs and educational materials.