

**GROUNDHOG DAY**

As early as 1896, German immigrants here observed Groundhog Day and established the Punxsutawney Groundhog Club in 1936. According to folklore, if the hibernating groundhog (known as Punxsutawney Phil) sees his shadow on February 2 and some of winter. The legend is based on a European custom predicting the length of winter by weather conditions on Candlemas, an ancient Christmas festival.

