They built the festival around the tradition of the groundhogs weather prediction in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania. (19) Punxsutawney had been settled mostly by Germans. (20) Freas and Smith named a groundhog "Punxsutawney Phil," made his prediction the star attraction of the festival.

(21) Groundhog Day is still celebrated in Punxsutawney. (22) There are other communities across the country that use their own groundhogs to predict the weather on Groundhog Day. (23) Some of the groundhogs include Dunkirk Dave in Dunkirk, New York and Jimmy the Groundhog of Sun Prairie, Wisconsin. (24) But even with other groundhogs around, Punxsutawney Phil is still the most popular and most famous of all of them.

