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FEBRUARY HOLIDAY FUN FACTS

Groundhog Day – February 2

* Punxsutawney Phil weighs about 20 pounds and is 22 inches long.

If Phil, the Ground Hog, sees his shadow then we will have 6 more weeks of winter, if he does not see his shadow we will have an early spring.

Valentines Day – February 14



*Approximately 1 billion Valentine's Day cards are sent each year.

The expression "*wearing your heart on your sleeve*" comes from a Valentine's Day party tradition. Young women would write their names on slips of paper to be drawn by young men. A man would then wear a woman's name on his sleeve to claim her as his valentine.



Presidents Day – 3rd Monday in February*

*Presidents Day was originally designated in honor of George Washington's birthday, February 22, 1732, and is still legally called "Washington's Birthday."

In 1968, Congress passed legislation placing any federal holiday on a Monday, including Washington's Birthday, to create a three-day weekend.

SIX TOP REASONS TO KEEP A LANDLINE

With times being difficult and the economic stability in question, it is time to decide where you can cut back on expenses. Your landline telephone is not necessarily the place to cut back. With cell phones becoming ever more popular it is easy to think that it may be all you need. There are a few things that you should consider before you make that decision.

- 1 If electricity is cut off due to weather or technical problems, do you have a way to charge your cell phone?
- 2 What if the tower that your cell reception comes off of is damaged.
- 3 For those of you that have young children, do you have a way that they can call 911 if you are not home?
- 4 What if your children try to call you and the reception is bad? Not just your cell phone but the one they are trying to call from?
- 5 If you have a babysitter while you go out, is there a phone at home they can use in emergencies?
- 6 Remember a land line is hardwired into your house, even if the electricity shuts down your landline phone will still work as long as you have a regular corded phone.

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THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN WIRELESS AND WIRELESS

There are two different kinds of wireless internet that ATC Communications customers need to understand. The first is the wireless broadband service that ATCJet.net provides to its wireless customers. This wireless is a fixed point to point transport from one of our access points to the subscriber unit that is installed at the customer's home or business. Our access points generally consist of an antenna mounted on a tall structure such as a grain elevator in the community that we serve. The subscriber unit is a flat panel antenna that is generally attached to the roof of the customer's premise. From there a cable runs down into the building and attaches to a radio. Further cabling attaches either directly to the computer or to a router and then the computer. The wireless part of this scenario is how the signal is transmitted from our antenna to the customer's home.

When many people think of wireless they are thinking of the 802.11b/g wireless technology (also known as WiFi) that is used to set up a wireless network in a business or home. This type of signal is transmitted by a wireless router and is received by a computer that has a wireless card. This type of wireless network is what allows a person to use a laptop anywhere in their home or business without having to have it connected to a cable.

ATC Communications provides the internet access to your home, but does not provide or support home networking. ATCJet.net customers may, at their own expense, install a wireless router to create their own personal wireless network. ATCJet.net does not provide, sell or set up personal wireless network devices.