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February is Embroidery Month

Embroidery is believed to originate in the Orient or the Middle East. In 1964, a Cro-Magnon hunter's remains dated from 30,000BC were found in Russia and his hat, boots and clothing were heavily decorated. Chinese embroidery made with shells were stitched to animal hides dating from 5,000 BC.

Final Episode of M*A*S*H

The final episode of this popular TV show was aired on February 28, 1983. The TV series ran from 1972 to 1983. The final episode had the largest TV viewing audience to ever watch a single program.

Beyond Neptune

On February 18, 1930, Pluto was discovered by Clyde Tombaugh at the Lowell Observatory in Flagstaff, AZ, after a long systematic search. Pluto's location had been predicted many years before by Dr. Percival Lowell and Tombaugh found Pluto almost exactly where Lowell had predicted. In August 2006, researchers with the International Astronomical Union voted and agreed that Pluto no longer met the definition of a planet and is now classified as a dwarf planet.

State Symbols

You probably know that Wisconsin has several official state symbols...the state bird is the robin. Did you know that Wisconsin has a state mineral? Galena became the official state mineral in 1971 because it is abundant, unique, and had economic value as an important source of lead in the State's history.

First Phonograph Invented

Did you know that Thomas Alva Edison invented the first phonograph? He was issued the patent on February 19, 1878 for his "phonograph or speaking machine."



Googol or Google

Edward Kasner (1878-1955), an American mathematician, introduced the term "googol" which is the number 1 followed by 100 zeros.

40 Billion is...

the amount of dollars we spent on our pets in 2007.
the number of pages Facebook generates each month.
the amount we spent on soft drinks last year.

Cleveland Abbe, (1838-1916) was an American meteorologist who inaugurated daily weather forecasts based on telegraph reports. He influenced, served and help to establish the government weather service.