

New Procedures Offered At Medical Center Of Dimmitt

As part of its vision, "To be better than the day before," Medical Center of Dimmitt is expanding its list of medical services offered.

Medical Center announces that its physicians and medical staff pride themselves on staying up-to-date with current and relevant medical services. Some of the new procedures being offered are Microdermabrasion, Vasectomies and Migraine Injections. These procedures are offered on a cash, self-pay basis.

Peggy Birkenfeld, FNP-C, is licensed in the art of microdermabrasion. Microdermabrasion is a popular, non-invasive procedure that focuses on fine lines, wrinkles, sun damage, age spots, pigmentation inconsistencies, large pores, acne scarring, and dull or dry patches. Overtime, these simple defects

tend to build up, causing the complexion to look aged or unhealthy. One major advantage to this simple procedure is that there is little to no down-time or recovery. This is also a relatively inexpensive option. The Medical Center of Dimmitt charges \$75 per session, offering a package rate of "buy 4 and get the 5th free."

Dr. Leo Altenberg is now accepting appointments for the commonly performed vasectomy. A vasectomy is a permanent sterilization procedure that is highly effective. Dr. Altenberg has performed hundreds of these and considers them a minor, in-office procedure. The failure rate is less than 5 in 1000, and the total recovery period is 48-72 hours. The rate for a vasectomy performed in the Clinic will be anywhere from \$400-

\$600.

In the past, Medical Center has highlighted Dr. Altenberg's ability and experience in joint injections. He also is experienced in migraine injections.

He injects lidocaine into the forehead to help treat migraine and cluster headaches. The lidocaine numbs "the portion of the trigeminal nerve known as the sphenopalatine ganglion." (headaches.org). Pain relief often occurs within minutes of the injection and relief usually lasts days or weeks. The cost of these injections runs approximately \$250.

If you have any questions concerning these procedures or would like to schedule an appointment, please call the Medical Center of Dimmitt at (806) 647-2194.

Statement By The President On Farm Bill

WASHINGTON, D.C.—February 4, 2014—Today, in a strong bipartisan vote, the U.S. Senate came together to pass a comprehensive Farm Bill – legislation that will build on the historic economic gains in rural America over the past five years, create new jobs and opportunities, and protect the most vulnerable Americans.

This bill provides certainty to America's farmers and ranchers, and contains a variety of commonsense reforms that my Administration has consistently called for, including reforming and eliminating direct farm subsidies and providing assistance for farmers when they need it most.

It will continue reducing our deficits without gutting the vital assistance programs millions of hardworking Americans count on to help put food on the table for their families.

And it will support conservation of valuable lands, spur the development of renewable energy, and incentivize healthier nutrition for all Americans.

As with any compromise, the Farm Bill isn't perfect – but on the whole, it will make a positive difference not only for the rural economies that grow America's food, but for our nation.

Steven Albracht of Hart, Texas, recently won first place in the Irrigated division of the 2013 National Corn Growers' Association's (NCGA) Corn Yield Contest in Texas.

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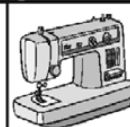
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