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## **Underage Drinking Topic Of Meeting In Cache**

The Wichita Mountains Prevention Network, City of Cache and Lawton/Fort Sill Community Coalition will host a town hall meeting on underage drinking at 5 p.m. Thursday at the Cache Schools auditorium.

The event is free and the community is invited. There will be drawings to win cash and prize giveaways provided by local sponsors. The event starts at 5 p.m. with free food and then a panel will speak on the issues of underage drinking in the community followed by the movie "Avengers: Age of Ultron."

The purpose of the event is to raise awareness about the impact of underage drinking, introduce new laws that prevent those under age 21 from obtaining alcohol and mobilizing the community to take action.

According to the 2014 National Survey on Drug Use and Health, about 9 million or one in four 12-to 20-year-olds reported alcohol use during the past month. Of those, about 5 million were binge drinkers, meaning that they consumed five or more drinks on at least one occasion. Underage drinkers are at risk for negative consequences including lowered academic performance, involvement with law enforcement, risk of violence and sexual assault and death.