

**A Christmas Story Opens at the Ansonia Friday**

The play *A Christmas Story* opens this Friday, December 7 at the Ansonia Theatre, and runs through Sunday, December 16. This beloved holiday classic is based on the movie of the same name. The memoir, written by Jean Shepherd, tells the story of nine year old Ralphie Parker and his quest to get his dream gift from Santa, a genuine Red Ryder BB gun. Despite warnings from his doting mother, teacher and friends that "he'll shoot his eye out" Ralphie is determined to make his wish come true, all while dealing with his cranky dad and the usual childhood challenges – school, bullies and, UGH, girls.

Caleb Wilson makes his stage debut as Ralphie in what promises to be a dynamite performance. The story is told by grown-up Ralphie, played by Chip Long. Mark Traywick and Terra Medlock of Marshville play Ralphie's parents, and Tyson Leavitt of Wadesboro plays brother Randy. His best friends, Schwartz and Flick, are played by Greyson Helms of Wadesboro and Austin Taylor of Rockingham. Those ugh! girls are played by Lela Chaney (Helen Weathers) and Cali Green (Esther Jane Alberry).

Isaac Clarke plays the infamous bully Scut Farkas. Ralphie's teacher, Miss Shields, is played by Elizabeth Pfeifer. Elizabeth is new to Wadesboro, having just moved here from the District of Columbia area.

This play has become an American Christmas staple, bringing back Norman Rockwell nostalgia.

There are only six performances: Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. and Sundays at 3 p.m. There are group rates for parties of 10 or more, so gather your friends and make it an evening out together. Tickets can be purchased online at [ansoniatheatre.com](http://ansoniatheatre.com) or by calling the box office at 704-694-4950.

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If you would like to place a light on the Forever Tree in honor or in memory of someone, please contact: Sandy Black, Bereavement Coordinator at Anson Community Hospice (704) 695-1595. The deadline is December 3.

Or mail completed form to: Anson Community Hospice at 1119 US Highway 1 N, Rockingham, NC 28379.

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