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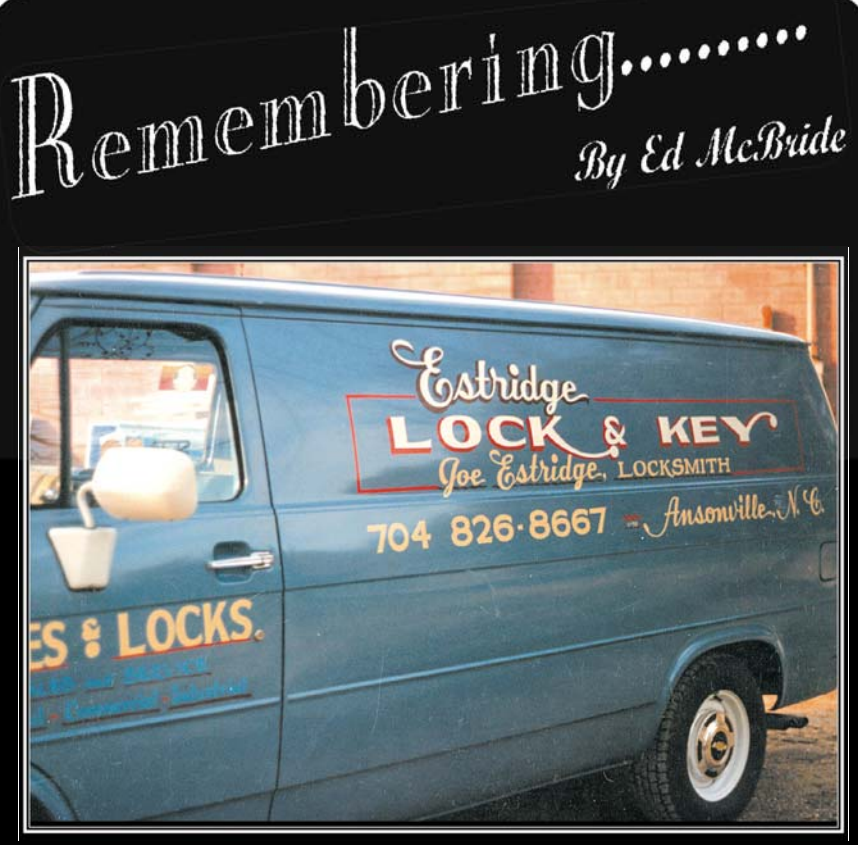
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**Remembering.....**  
 By Ed McBride

**Estridge Lock & Key**

Joe Estridge is a third generation merchant - but a first generation locksmith. Joe's grandfather, Mr. Ray Hendley, ran a grocery store during the Depression years in Ansonville until his death in 1966. Joe's mother, Kathleen, sister, Judy and he worked together to keep things going.

Judy married and moved to the coast, his mother retired, Joe left his job on the railroad - now, he knows what work is - and has done a great job, not only with the store, but in the community - the Methodist Church, fire department, rescue squad, mayor...and as a friend!

During his grocery/hardware days he became interested and studied the locksmith trade in the 1970's. He continued working and studying until 1994 when he decided to go full-time into Estridge Lock and Key.

With wife Ruth looking after the store, and son-in-law Rodney Sikes helping him, they now do service in North and South Carolina, Virginia, Kentucky, and Tennessee for so many businesses including: Food City, CVS Stores, Brownlee Jewelers, Barbee's, Perry's and the list goes on!

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**North Carolina's Pre-Collegiate Shooting Sports Championship Set**

The N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission will host the 37th annual Youth Hunter Education Skills Tournament - the state championship for pre-collegiate shooting sports - on April 25 at the Millstone 4-H Center near Ellerbe in Richmond County. The Wildlife Commission conducted nine regional competitions in March, with hundreds of middle school and high school students participating. Sixty teams with more than 550 students now advance to compete in rifle, shotgun and archery marksmanship, map-and-compass orienteering, and a written conservation knowledge test.

Competition is conducted on senior (high school) and junior (middle and elementary schools) divisional levels, with overall team and individual awards based on aggregate scores in all events. Teams are organized within public and private schools. Home-schooled students and teams representing 4-H or FFA also can compete, provided they meet eligibility requirements.

"The state tournament is a showcase event for the 'best of the best' from every corner of the state," said Travis Casper, Hunter Education Program coordinator. "Just qualifying to compete in this tournament is a mark of success."

The championship represents an opportunity for competitors who advanced from district events to showcase outdoor skills learned through the Wildlife Commission's Hunter Education Program. The competition requires a demonstration of skills taught in free hunter education classes.

While the competition is for students 18 years and younger, the Wildlife Commission offers free hunter education courses and advanced hunter education on a regular schedule for all ages. For more information, go to [www.ncwildlife.org/huntered](http://www.ncwildlife.org/huntered) or call 919-707-0031.

**Bowman Class of 1971 Fellowship Meeting**

The Bowman Senior High School Class of 1971 will have their monthly fellowship meeting on Saturday, April 25 at 3 p.m. at Lady Bug Restaurant. All classmates are asked to be present.

For further details contact Patricia Little at (704) 848-8165 or Winnie Brown at (704) 475-0755. The address is: Bowman Senior High School Class of 1971, PO Box 210, Lilesville, NC 28091.

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