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# OUTDOORS ‘BEAUTY TO BEEKEEPING’



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Luke Harvey, owner of the Riverview Road Apiary, inspects a frame of bees.

## Beekeepers battle losses, costs; pollinator protection vowed

**TOM O’CONNOR**  
Medill Illinois News Bureauwith Capitol News Illinois

CHILLICOTHE — Luke Harvey established the Riverview Road Apiary in 2014, perched along the Illinois River in Chillicothe, just across from the home where he grew up north of Peoria. Surrounded by bird-song on the back porch of the house, Harvey recently reflected on his history with bees.

“The love of beekeeping is also about the love of being outside, being closer to nature and being close to the world that we just aren’t really involved in.”

It’s an idyllic scene, one that can make it easy to overlook how challenging beekeeping can be for Harvey and the more than 5,400 other registered beekeepers across

Illinois. Nearly 89% of them are hobbyists managing 10 colonies or fewer, according to the fiscal year 2025 Apiary Inspection Annual Report from the Illinois Department of Agriculture released in July.

**Losses**

Bee loss is a persistent issue throughout the state. It’s not uncommon for beekeepers to lose over half of their colonies each year, primarily during winter, due to disease, competition, poor nutrition or limited resources. That’s a trend mirrored across much of the Midwest and the country.

One long-standing threat is the varroa

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Bees work in one of nearly 100 hives at the Riverview Road Apiary in Chillicothe, not far from Peoria.

### EDUCATION

## Critic: WH silent on legacy admissions

‘Hereditary privilege’ college acceptance seen as ‘shameless’

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WASHINGTON — As President Donald Trump attempts to reshape college admissions, he promises a new era of fairness with an emphasis on merit and test scores and a blind eye toward diversity.

Yet the Republican president has been silent on admissions policies that give applicants a boost because of their wealth or family ties. While he pressed colleges to eliminate consideration of a student’s race, he made no mention of legacy admissions, an edge given to the children of alumni, or similar preferences for relatives of donors.

Trump often rails against systems he describes as “rigged,” but he overlooked a glaring instance in higher education, said Richard Kahlenberg, a researcher at the Progressive Policy Institute think tank who has written about admissions.

“It’s hard to think of a more flagrant way in which the system is rigged than legacy preferences,” Kahlenberg said. “Rarely is a system of hereditary privilege so openly practiced without any sense of shame.”

In recent weeks, Trump took actions to scrub race from admissions decisions, suggesting some schools ignored a 2023 Supreme Court decision that struck down affirmative action. His

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### HEALTH CARE

## Investigators demand trans patients’ data

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Associated Press

When the U.S. Justice Department sought information from doctors and clinics that provide gender-affirming care for young transgender patients, officials weren’t just asking for policies. They also demanded information about individual patients.

Attorney General Pam Bondi announced July 9 that the department sent more than 20 subpoenas to doctors and clinics that provide the care. The request represented an elevation in President Donald Trump’s administration’s effort to halt the medical treatment for transgender youth, even in states where it’s legal.

Bondi said the requests were part of investigations into “healthcare fraud, false statements, and more.” No charges were announced so far, but the probes had a chilling impact on the availability of care.

Specifics of the requests were not made public until a court filing in a separate

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