

CLASSIFIEDS: [JOBS](#) [CARS](#) [HOMES](#) [APARTMENTS](#) [AUCTIONS](#) [CLASSIFIEDS](#) [GARAGE SALES](#) [DATING](#) [SUBSCRIBE NOW](#)

[News](#)

[Sports](#)

[Entertainment](#)

[Life](#)

[Obituaries](#)

[Opinion](#)

[Photos & Video](#)

[Help](#)

[Sign up](#)

[Log in](#)

FEATURED:

[Twitter](#)

[Facebook](#)

[Text Alerts](#)

[E-mail](#)

Find what you are looking for ...

SEARCH

ADVERTISEMENT

Politicians empathize with Connersville over DOE's decision on Carbon Motors loan

11:12 PM, Mar. 8, 2012 |

[1 Comments](#)

[Recommend](#)

[Sign Up to see what your friends recommend.](#)

Recommend

Tweet 0

0

A A



Written by Robert Sullivan Staff Writer

FILED UNDER

News Local News

Politicians representing Connersville at the state and federal levels this week expressed great disappointment in the decision by the Department of Energy to reject a \$310 million loan request by Carbon Motors.

Indiana Gov. Mitch Daniels issued a statement expressing disappointment for the people of Connersville who have worked for the past 21/2 years to bring the project to fruition. Last week, during a visit to the Franklin County Public Library in Brookville, Ind., the governor had said he remained hopeful that the company would get the loan and begin production of the first purpose-built police car at the former Visteon plant on the city's north side.



Gov. Mitch Daniels

But those hopes appeared dashed with this week's announcement, and Daniels was not alone in expressing his disappointment in the announcement.

Tom Knollman represents District 55, which includes Connersville, in the Indiana House. On Thursday, Knollman took a break from the busy House floor to discuss the situation.

"Thirty months is a long time to wait," Knollman said. "It looked like it was going to be a go, but it looks like the political squabbling in Washington got carried away."

Knollman said it is difficult to tell which side is responsible for the loan rejection, but he pointed out that conservative Republicans don't want to hand out any money.

"I am not ready to rule anything out," Knollman said when asked about the possibility that private investment or a revisiting of the loan process could still get Carbon Motors up and running.

"Let's hope it does, because Connersville needs those jobs."

Indiana Sen. Jean Leising (R-Oldenburg), who represents District 42, which includes Connersville, echoed Knollman's comments.

"I am very disappointed with the announcement by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) on the loan denial for the Carbon Motors plant in Connersville. Fayette County -- leading the state in unemployment -- needs these 1,500 jobs," Leising said. "There is no doubt that the failure of Solyndra has led to the DOE's reluctance to make loans under the technology vehicle manufacturing program."

Staff writer Robert Sullivan: (765) 973-4471 or rsullivan7@pal-

ARCHIVES

View the last seven days if you own qualify for... Yesterday, Mar. 08 Wednesday, Mar. 07 Tuesday, Mar. 06 Monday, Mar. 05 Sunday, Mar. 04 Saturday, Mar. 03 Friday, Mar. 02 See our paid archives for news older than a week

Presidents MUST DO Amount Homeowners

Calendar table with columns: FRI 9, SAT 10, SUN 11, MON 12

Horseback Riding Lessons Banks Forced to Forgive Credit Card Debt

Cedar Lane Farm LLC Eaton, Cup Creek Pottery Exhibit Find Out if You Qualify for Debt Settlement Earham College Richmond, IN

Sacramento Mom is 57, n Look: 15

Yves Regional Arboretum Ric Lead How California: Mom Discover Why and Use This

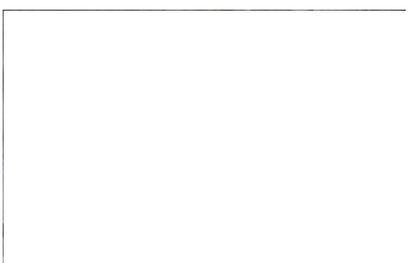
MORE EVENTS | SUBMIT AN

ADVERTISEMENT

Most Popular Most Commented More Headlines

- 1 Woman accused of dealing cocaine
2 Connersville residents feel disappointment after Carbon Motors denied loan
3 For the Record
4 Janet Jones Reller
5 Debbie Matanich

Most Viewed



Aerial view of tornado damage in Southern Indiana Mar. 02, 2012

Pell Grants For Mothers Free Your Life, Moms May Qualify For Grants To Start School Online Pell Grants Classes And Careers.co AdChoices

PHOTO GALLERIES



Girls Basketball Semi-Final Tri-Village - New Knoxville



Historical Museum Expansion



Find a Home!

Search thousands of properties. See more than 50,000 listings for sale!

100 South 5th Street
Richmond, IN
765-935-1200



ADVERTISEMENT

ADS BY PULSE 360

AdChoices 

Sacramento: Mom Makes Botox Doctors Angry

California: Mom Reveals Clever \$5 Wrinkle Therapy That Makes Botox Doctors Furious
SmartConsumerLiving.com

51-Year-Old Now Looks 27 Again!

Mom Reveals Clever \$5 Wrinkle Therapy That Makes Botox Doctors Furious Read More
consumerlifestyletrends.com/

Sacramento - Do NOT Buy Car Insurance!

Your Auto Insurer hates this 1 trick to get extremely cheap rates!
US-Insurance-Online.com

ADVERTISEMENT

[Site Map](#) | [Back to Top](#)

NEWS

- [Local News](#)
- [Cops & Courts](#)
- [Students & Schools](#)
- [Maximum Business](#)
- [Weather](#)
- [Data Center](#)
- [Get Published](#)
- [Submit a News Tip](#)
- [Archives](#)

OBITUARIES

SPORTS

- [Local Sports](#)
- [High School Sports](#)
- [RiverRats](#)
- [Red Wolves](#)
- [Quakers](#)

PHOTOS & VIDEO

- [Staff Photo Galleries](#)
- [Reader Photo Galleries](#)
- [Party Crasher](#)
- [P-I Live!](#)
- [Staff Videos](#)
- [Photo Reprints](#)

ENTERTAINMENT

- [Local Entertainment](#)
- [Events Calendar](#)
- [Submit an Event](#)
- [TV Listings](#)
- [Movies](#)

OPINION

- [Blogs](#)
- [Forums](#)
- [Submit a Letter](#)

LIFE

- [Local Life](#)
- [Celebrations](#)
- [Special Occasions](#)
- [Maximum Living](#)
- [Special Sections/Directories](#)

HELP

- [Customer Service](#)
- [Contact Us](#)
- [Staff List](#)
- [Subscribe](#)
- [Place an Ad](#)
- [Back Issues](#)

FOLLOW US

- [Twitter](#)
- [Facebook](#)
- [Mobile](#)
- [RSS](#)
- [E-mail Alerts](#)
- [Text Alerts](#)

[News](#) | [Jobs](#) | [Cars for Sale](#) | [Homes for Sale](#) | [Apartments for Rent](#) | [Real Estate](#) | [Shopping](#)

GANNETT

Copyright © 2012 www.pal-item.com. All rights reserved.
Users of this site agree to the [Terms of Service](#), [Privacy Notice/Your California Privacy Rights](#), and [Ad Choices](#)

ADVERTISEMENT