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**Consolidated Communications employee retires after 27 years of service**

LUFKIN, Texas – Consolidated Communications honored Sammie Gammill recently, who retired after working 27 years for the local telecommunications provider. Gammill first started her telecom career in 1977 as an operator, and retired in the same role this month. With more than a quarter century of service, she truly was an asset to the company and will be missed by her colleagues. Family, coworkers, and friends turned out recently to wish her good luck during a retirement party held in her honor at the Consolidated office located on North First Street in Lufkin.

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Consolidated Communications Sr. Manager-Field Operations Sammy Weaver (right) presents Sammie Gammill (left) with a gift to celebrate her recent retirement from the company. Gammill served with Consolidated for 27 years.