He didn’t ask. He just kind of knew my family was carrying on,” Susan said.

“You’re going to marry him,” her friends told her.

“Why not?” Susan said.

She decided to go to the library, pick up the phone book, and see how many people were willing to share their most memorable Christmas presents.

Memorial Library.

Hamilton, periodicals assistant at Pickler Memorial Library.

She said he even put weights in the box and signed his name as Santa Claus.

“My husband didn’t want a big ceremony, so we surprised them all back by playing a song,” Harrington said.

With winter approaching, Harrington said she and her white 2001 Ford Explorer never made it in the snow without four-wheel drive.

“It really surprised me because it was a huge chalkboard thing,” Harrington said.

When you’re 5, you still think school is important, however. It’s what is inside that matters to most children.

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“The best things come in small packages,” she said.

“My favorite Christmas present was a gift from my parents. They surprised me when she was 18. She already owned a car, but her parents were thinking of their daughter’s safety, so they surprised her. We were worried about doing it in the snow without four-wheel drive,” Harrington said.

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