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1964, March 25
 A tornado swept through Wayne County. It touched down first at Garwood, then lifted and came down again near Patterson, cutting a swath on the ground for about 30 miles. Its general course was parallel to Highway 34. The Clubb store, and Clubb and Turkey Creek schools were destroyed.

1966
 KPWB goes on the air.
1968, June
 Markham Spring Recreation Area near Williamsville opened.

1968
 A large nursing home at Piedmont was planned and construction of Clark's Mountain Nursing Home was started.

1970
 Wayne County Sheltered Workshop opens.

1972
 Piedmont received a grant to build a new airport
1972/73

Piedmont International Hat Factory built

1973
 Unidentified flying objects in Piedmont area capture national attention.

1975
 The first classes in the new Clearwater High School were held.

1976
 The State Bank of Greenville was initially char-

tered by the State of Missouri for one location in Wayne County.

1977
 Hal's Plaza opened. Ward's Food Mart moves from Main Street to the new building in the shopping center. P.N Hirsch opens in Hal's Plaza.

1978
 Greenville School burned in a November inferno.

1982
 Piedmont was ravaged by flood water. Never before had water cascaded down Main Street.

1985
 Melinda Theatre and Piedmont City Hall burn

1986
 Piedmont IGA closes and Ralph's Supermarket opens.

1987
 Walmart opens in Hal's Plaza. Nu-Dell begins production in Piedmont.

1990
 Sonic opens in Piedmont.

1991
 Garden Products purchases the old Hat Factory building and renovates it into a food production facility.

1992
 Town and Country Supermarket purchases Ward's Food Market.

1994
 Brown Shoe closes. Morrison-Worley Funeral Chapen opens in Piedmont.

1995
 McDonald's opens. Corlair is the first company to locate in Piedmont's new Highway 49 Industrial Complex. The Wayne County Historical Society accepted ownership of the Aunt Beck May Log House; it was reassembled at the Piedmont Area Park. Toney's Drug Store closed after 116 years of business. The first stop light in Wayne County was installed in Piedmont.

1998
 Piedmont donated land for the Clearwater Family Youth Center.

2002
 After 52 years of business, Worley Log and Lumber closed.

2011
 Wappapello Lake filled to capacity and topped the overflow spillway. Construction was complete on a four-lane highway through Wayne, Madison, and Butler Counties, including bypasses around Greenville and Cherokee Pass. The new divided highway opened on August 19, 2011, with a ribbon-cutting ceremony. Additionally, MoDOT has extended the divided highway south to US 160 south of Poplar Bluff.

January 2017
 Walmart closes its Piedmont store. Wappapello Lake and Clearwater Lake both filled to capacity and topped the overflow spillways.

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