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Weis plans to close store in city

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The Weis supermarket at 29th Street and Rudy Road in Harrisburg will be closing on Jan. 17.

Dennis Curtin, spokesman for Weis Markets Inc. of Sunbury, said the 30,000-square-foot store is closing because it is dated and "it wasn't realistic to remodel or expand."

He said the store employs about 50 people who will be offered jobs at nearby locations.

Weis has a store a couple of miles away at the Union Square shopping center off Union Deposit Road in Susquehanna Twp. The pharmacy business at the city store will be transferred to the store at Union Square.

Bob Gorland, a retail consultant with Matthew P. Casey & Associates, said the store's closing is "no surprise to me."

He said it probably generated the lowest volume among stores on the East Shore, and it was a "really old facility."

The store is next to a Thrift/Eckerd drugstore that has long been empty.

Curtin said Weis owns the store.

The store has been one of the few supermarket choices in the city. The largest and busiest site in the city is the nearby Giant Foods supermarket at the Kline Plaza.

Just recently, supermarket options expanded in Harrisburg's uptown neighborhood.

An Eagle Supermarket opened at 2304 N. Third St. in a building that had been empty for two years.

In the Uptown Plaza on North Seventh Street, the Save-A-Lot store was just renovated under new ownership.