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Another family-run grocery store closing

By JASON MISNER

The Champion

Fifty people will lose their jobs when Superchoice Country Markets – a family-owned grocery store revered for its fresh produce – locks its doors for good early next month.

Grocery manager Joe Luis, one of the 50 who will lose their jobs, said Superchoice isn't closing because of competition from other grocery stores.

The lease expires at the end of March and the landlord wants to raise the monthly rent by 45 per cent, Mr. Luis said.

Currently the store is paying about \$15,000 a month and that would rise to about \$22,000 if the lease was renewed, said Cliff Grimwood, of Reitter Management Corporation, which manages the plaza where the store is located.

The rent increase is due to a rise in realty taxes, maintenance and hydro costs, Mr. Grimwood said. Rent is based on the square footage of the building.

Mr. Grimwood said two businesses have expressed interest in the property and he hopes to have a new tenant signed by late spring.

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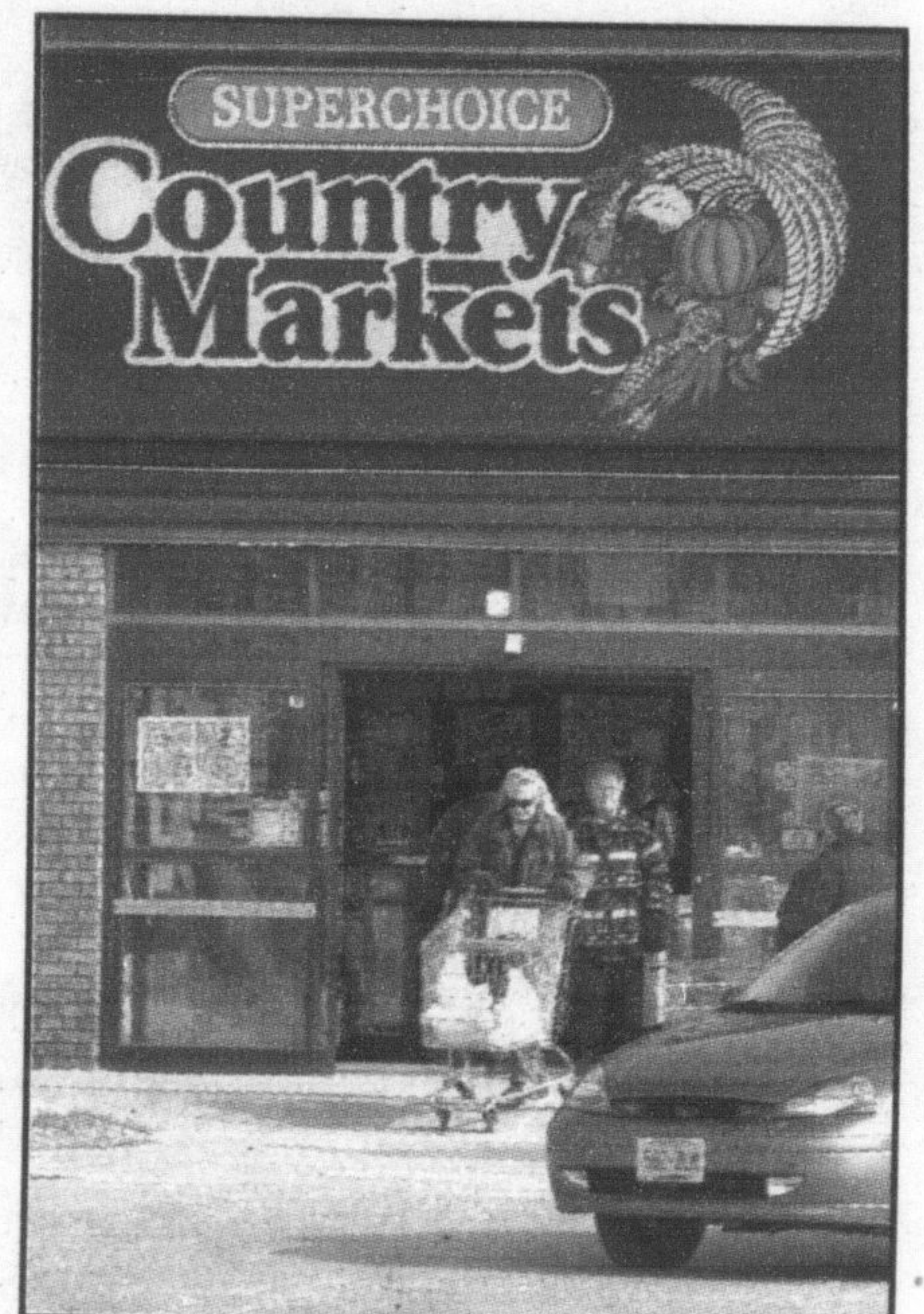


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Superchoice Country Markets has filed for bankruptcy protection.

At the races

Twelve-year-old Deidre Scholtz enjoys the third annual Charity Race Day at Woodbine Race Track Sunday afternoon. The event raised funds for the Deidre and Friends Foundation and Milton District Hospital.

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