Golden days: sleds, arcade, sodas

At an old factory in Duncannon, Pa., nostalgia reigns

miles north of Battmore.
Trains still rattle the windows
of houses as they rumble through
town, earrying freight through
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the Pennsylvania coal region.
The Doyle ficted in the center of
town looks as if it hasn't been sreak to THE WAY

Ime is at something of a
standstill in Duncannon,
Pa., a no-stoplight fown
tucked along a bend in
Susquehanna River about 80 By Bo SMOLKA

touched in years.

But nowhere in Duncamon is time locked in more of a deep freeze than at the Old Sied Works, a former sied factory turned antiques shop at the north end of town.

Meander through the narrow alsies, past collectible glassware, antique tools and stuffed bears, and you'll find Jimmy's Old-Fashfoned Penny Arcade and Soda Fountain, complete with nearly 60 functional arcade games dating to the 1920s and a light of the 1920s and a light

circa-1955 soda fountain. To step inside is to step back

Snowy-day thrills

During its heyday in the 1920s and 1930s, the Standard Novelty Works plant churned out as



A small museum — not much more than an alcove, really — tucked between antiques dealers traces the history of the Lightning Guider. Glanding at the dozen wall-mounted sleds, some dating to the 1930s, I can almost

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Bachel Craft of Lemoyne, Pa., walts for her los cream at the Old Sted Works' soda fountain. CIAL TO THE SUN

in Still Duncennon is easy to
tr miss, and Rosen knew he needed it
er something different to hure an-
as tiques hunters—and vendors—
to this gritly town of 1,500 that
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Duncamon's main attraction
er these days is the Appaiachlain
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to the control of hear the shrieks of children on the morning of the season's first snowfall. Gathering antiques

ey Recalling childhood days go spent in penny areades where go spent in penny areades where the could play all day for a dol-19, lar." Rosen began acquiring old 10- areade games, at times scewrag. In ling old amusement partic that were closing down. He ultimately its assembled one of the top vintage in areades in the mid-Alfantic relegion, with nearly 60 games from 10 Clty, by comparison, has more for than 250 games, but none made the light of the country from a present than 250 games, but none made the light of the country forms a present than 250 games, but none made than 250 games, but none made than 250 games, but none made the light of the country forms a present than 250 games, but none made the than 250 games, but none made than 250 games, but none made that the south games and the country forms, the country forms and the country forms, the country forms and the country forms.

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The Old Sled Works, 722 N. Market St., Duncannon, PA 17020 717-834-9333

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a The penny areade, crafts
and antiques vendors are
open Wednesday through
Sinday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
The socia fountain is open
weekends only from noon to
4 p.m. (Chil ahead to make
aure the fountain is open)
Children inder the age of 10
Children inder the age of 10
must be accompanied by an
adult in the areade area.
Admission to the building
is free. Admission to the
Dincamon fire tower is

BUN STAFF 1861

Excen says the areade games aren't a big money-maker—nor that he relies on some 126 vento dors, up from 20 when the market he to be common in 150. But the games do a brisk business in the games do a brisk business in the games do a brisk business at a windswept boardwalk a time beviore PlayStation or even Pong.

"Oh, I remember them," any sixtysomething Jim Clements of a country with his wide, Dois. "In our day, we played 'em all."

"You can that up to one of the games and you will be shaded a star Slugger pitholal baseball against hat once shood at Hershey by Park Timers is shally SAD Bowling Lanes from 1507 and a 1940 by Hig Lanes from 1507 and 140 by Hig Lanes from 1507 and 140 by Hig Lanes from 1507 and 140

If all the memorabilia has you longing for an authentic

(www.stomlewarehouse.com)
in Harrisburg on your way
home. The store is stocked
with three floors of '50s and
'60s furniture, appliances, advertisements and more.

touch of the '50s, stop by Atomic Warehouse

Getting theres Duncan-non is about 80 miles from Baltimore Take 1-83 north to Pennsylvania Route 581 west to 1-81 north. Stout to 1-81 north about to miles 10 and 15 north about to miles 10 and 15 north about 10 miles 10 in 10 north about 10 miles and 10 north about 10 miles and 10 north about 10 miles about 274 and fol-tow the sign time bunceanson. The Old Sied Works is about three miles abread at 722 N.

When you go

sodas are sweet Games are gentle,

computer-generated voices or explosions of a modern game a explosions of a modern game from. The only sounds are the real-tat-leal-tat of a manual scorting device and simple belis from a pibball bumpers.

Unlike the antiques and created the antiques and created of the Old Sled by Works, none of the screde machines is for sale. But they aren't lead to be played," asys floson, who as 29 is younger than most of them. "You can set a video game aside for weeks or months, plug it back in and it's going to play. These pagames don't operate we'll if they

stt for very long. They have parts in them that need to be con-stantly in motion."

Root beer floats

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The factory produced Lightning Guider sleds from 1904 to 1990.

the huge financial heateche.

In Thousands of dollars and general tred tape of later, the tower is up to code and are pen for visitors to climb all 144 steps (for \$1.50). Duncannon's the New Years Swe celebration comes cludes with—what else?—a give and tised eacending from the your for fight in the new year. The From the small perch high apply the tower, I can make out the gravel rail bed behind the profile of Works where boxcars in once were headed with aleds by the time. foundain two years ago.

As I prepared to leave the arcade and return to 2004, I glanced
back once more. More is still obping Outly on the nose, and
Sterner is still dispensing hometown, charm along with those
malts and cherry phosphares.
If my parents could see me
now, sine says, 'they wouldn't
believe it."

Mela Suplemon.

For a supert view of Duncan. In non and the Susqueinanna River, of elimb the 110-foot fire tower across the street from the Old a Sied Works. The tower, originally poeticed along a highway a few ymlies swey, was sined for denne. Illion as pay of a rosel expansion. Illion as pay of a rosel expansion. That is, mull Rosen bought it and a daft in moved here, which earned a gath in public relations points and a 7 Back on the ground. I return to the soda foundam, where 11ver-old Shirley Koller Is making in her semi-annual visit to see my en do soda foundam to the metric of the soda foundam at Bennett's illy Pharmacy in Harrisburg as a 13wy pear-old.

"You were supposed to be 14wy and didn't care. My gosh, I think we a sold eigeretics for something like a results a pack."

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[Arcade, from Page 7R]

could be mored and connected to the nals console via a 25-foot extension cable.

No detail is overlooked here, from old asis and photos to the seeburg Wall-o-Maite Jukeboxes on the fountain counter stocked with Chubby Checker and Jerry Lee Lewis. The authenticity even attracted Hollywood; portions of the fountain were used in the 1989 Wynona Ryder film, Girl, As I savored a root beer float prepared by 71-year-old Mary Emma Sterner, I half-expected to see Richie Countingform, the Forz and the rest of the Happy Emma Sterner has been here before. A likeling Dumenmon resident, she worked as a Yoda jerk — sonamed for the way workers jerk on the dispenser handles — in her father's Dumenmon drug, store as a 4-year-old. That's her in the sepla-toned photo near the counter.

Now, 87 years later, she's back at it, whipping up milk shakes and cherry phosphates — fruity, favoring, aoda water and circle. "She says. "Frenched of my father well come in and say. 'Can you serve me what you served me 50 to years ago?"

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