

**INTRODUCING THE COLORFUL CHARACTERS OF
"DOWN ON FRIENDLY ACRES"
THE FRIEND FAMILY!!!**

THE FRIEND FAMILY - People have said the Friend Family has never met a stranger they didn't know. That is "cause the Friend Family loves to talk 'n talk 'n talk." Sooner or later they find out if they talk to somebody long enough, they'll know somebody, who knows somebody, who knows somebody, who knows you.



R. FRIEND - Ronda Friend is a spunky, vivacious, creative six-year old who delights in everything about farm life. Her father says she's special while her brother, Duane, says she's different. She is Ronda without a "honda". R. Friend has never met a stranger - she's R. friend. You can meet up with her fishin', sloppin' the hogs, milkin' Pioneer Tilly Winks Tilly, and catchin' tadpoles. More often than not you'll catch her in her time-out chair makin' "lemonade" on account of her grandma always says, "If life gives you lemons - make lemonade!"



GRANDMA BROMBAUGH - Grandma Brombaugh has more wisdom in her little pinky than some people do in their whole bodies. Ronda thinks she's an undercover angel. She has always worn dresses and her slip always shows - her undercover angel costume! Grandma wears hats to cover up her halo and is always trying to turn everyone else into angels by what she says. Grandma Brombaugh always says, "If you can't say anything nice, don't say anything at all!"



MR. HAROLD EUGENE FRIEND - Mr. Friend loves to make things grow. Born in 1922, Mr. Friend loved playing in his sandbox as a child. He would sit tops of pineapples or stems of roses in the sand, then water them and watch them grow. But Mr. Friend is more than a farmer. He's a weatherman, veterinarian, a great fisherman, a joker, and a WWII America soldier. Harold Friend received a bronze star for saving three American soldier's lives.



MRS. JEAN VIVIAN FRIEND - Mrs. Friend loves being a farmer's wife and can be seen regularly giving goo-goo eyes to her husband. Goo-goo eyes are when you smile at someone with your eyeballs. You roll your eyes this way and that way. Then you blink and wink your eyes real fast like a hummingbird flappin' its wings. Momma Friend has a huge heart and her dream was to become a nurse. She became a private nurse to her four children and loved it. She also enjoys helping Ronda write poems and music!



RONALD FRIEND - Ronald is the oldest of the Friend siblings and loves to read. One thing never changes - when you read a lot you know a lot! Ronald's nickname is "Mr. World Book Worm Encyclopedid". In the 60's there were no computers only World Book Encyclopedias. Ronald loves reading them. He thinks he's smart, Ronda thinks Ronald is a "know-it-all!"



DUANE FRIEND - In some ways, Duane and Ronda are different as night 'n day but in some ways they're like "two birds of a feather". They love to talk 'n talk 'n talk and fuss 'n fuss 'n fight which only guarantees one thing - "T-R-O-U-B-L-E". Whether it's a turkey stuck in Duane's throat, hives because of too much worrying, a bat hitting him over the head, or hornets hiding out in his hide-out - a pig hut - you can count on Ronda being close behind. That combination only gives way to Grandma Brombaugh's intervention as the "undercover angel."



DIANE FRIEND - Diane is the baby. She *never* gets in trouble. That's because everybody thinks she's an angel. Ronda thinks she's a "hawkephant." Diane is always watchin' her siblings like a hawk and remembering like an elephant to see what they do to get in trouble and never doing it. Diane, "Miss Hawkephant" becomes the angel of the Friend Family!



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