

It does not take long to unload bison.

Each year, on the Saturday after Thanksgiving, the Minnesota Bison Association has an auction.

Each year for the past 15 years or thereabouts, we have attended and purchased bison.

Auctions are interesting events.

Even if you have a clear idea of what you intend to buy, you do not know until the sale is over just what you are bringing home.

This year I planned to buy a couple of cows.

Instead I came home with eight heifer calves.

Bison are much different than farm animals.

They are wild.

When frightened they both run and bunch very close together.

You can see that in the video.

They come off as one mass.

They shoot out of the trailer at 30 miles an hour.

Can you count eight?

Do not feel bad if you count six.

Our neighbor Clint was there, watching on horse-back.

Clint counted six.

There are eight.

As the video progresses you can see the herd bull, Bill.

Before Timothy opened the gate, Bill was waiting in anticipation.

This is not the first load of newcomers that Bill has added to his herd.

You will notice that Timothy swung the gate open fast and wide to get out of the line of fire.

Running buffalo, even small ones, will run through or jump anything.

It's called a stampede.

I am happy to write that these young gals seem to be fitting into the herd well.

They have no direct relatives in our herd. That can lead to assimilation problems. But they have a strong desire to fit in and our animals seem to accept them well.

They all looked good 24 hours later.

Tom