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[00:00:00] **Speaker 1** Of the city, it seems like.

[00:00:00] **Speaker 2** I was in Fond du Lac County.

[00:00:03] **Speaker 1** Yeah, the less the requirements to be a local. I came from a small town where it's like, if you weren't born there, you'd never get like... Where at? Lodi? Yep, I know where it is. Yeah, it was like, there were people that lived there for 50 years, but they weren't born there to graduate, so they were never a local, so it's fun. It's like you gotta get to a bigger city. You're good? All right, so I guess, tell me a little bit about your involvement with fishing, has no boundaries, and while I weekended, how that all comes together.

[00:00:28] **Speaker 2** Fishing Has No Boundaries I started on the board about three years ago a couple of their board members asked me to join with my Working at the Ark Fond du Lac and then also knowing that I had a child with autism and then this year I'm junior co-chair for a walleye weekend So I get to drive around in a nice fancy car and do whatever it needs to be done and everything So just drive around see what people need and help out wherever it needs possible

[00:00:56] **Speaker 1** the mission of fishing has no boundaries and especially in connection to an event like this where you've got so many people coming in

[00:01:02] **Speaker 2** The mission for Fishing Has No Boundaries is to give opportunities for people with disabilities to get out there and be able to fish, in essence, in a nutshell. So we try to give them opportunities and chances to go out fishing. We do two events, one in the summer and one in winter, during ice fishing season to get there and do what they need to do and have fun.

[00:01:25] **Speaker 1** One of the things about, we're focused on walleye, but it's fishing in general, is that, you know, for some people they would look at it like, we gotta have a lot of money, gotta have a boat, you gotta have big motor and a trailer and a truck and free time, but there's also, there's other ways to get access to fishing.

[00:01:40] **Speaker 2** Oh yeah, absolutely, because with our summer event, we are always looking for boat captains that have pontoon boats, some that have fishing boats, whatever, but it's even nicer if they have a pontoon boat because our members with disabilities sometimes feel more comfortable on the bigger boats to go out fishing and everything.

[00:01:58] **Speaker 1** And, uh, what did- are you a fisherman yourself? No, I-

[00:02:01] **Speaker 2** No, I am not. I am NOT a fisherman by chance, but I don't mind going out there and helping out if need be.

[00:02:06] **Speaker 1** So talk to me a little about the importance of Walleye Weekend in Fond du Lac. Why is it Walleye, first of all, and how does that people...

[00:02:13] **Speaker 2** I think because of the lake, and then when they started it over 40 years ago, this event, they wanted to grow this tournament, the Mercury Bowl tournament and everything. I think it's key for the community in a sense that it gives us a sense of something, a sense of pride of something happening in our town and everything, so I think its great to have and I'm happy to be a part of it and everything so it's...

[00:02:41] **Speaker 1** Now, do you?

[00:02:42] **Speaker 2** Um, yes, I do.

[00:02:44] **Speaker 1** What's your opinion on fish in general, is it walleye premium or where does that fit in with that?

[00:02:49] **Speaker 2** To me, it's right in the middle. I'm a big, probably perched guy, more perched than anything, so. That's a good choice, too.

[00:02:57] **Speaker 1** Alright, can I get you to say and spell your name and give your title for this event?

[00:03:01] **Speaker 2** My name is Grant Monroe, spelled G-R-A-N-T-M-O-N R-O E, and I am junior co-chair for Wally Weekend and I work at the Arc Fond du Lac.

[00:03:11] **Speaker 1** Alright, thank you so much. I really appreciate it.

[00:03:12] **Speaker 2** Thank you. Thank you guys.