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Hall of Fame hopes



Valerie Huser, daughter of former Green Bay Packers executive Jack Vainisi, holds a football signed by the 1960 team. The ball was given to her mother after Vainisi died of a heart attack at age 33.

Did you forget?

Daylight saving time ended at 2 a.m. today. Remember to set your clocks back one hour.



A guide to food pantries in Fox Valley

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On Nov. 1, FoodShare recipients will no longer receive benefits as President Donald Trump announced he will no longer fund the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).

FoodShare is Wisconsin’s version of SNAP, funded with federal dollars but administered at a state level.

As the program is poised to run out of funds, food pantries in the Fox Valley are gearing up for what might be one of the busiest seasons in the past years.

For Fox Valley residents who are concerned they’ll face food insecurity in the upcoming months, the following is a list of food pantries in the area.

Which food pantries are in Appleton?

- Salvation Army - Fox Cities, 130 E. North St., 920-734-3324; Open 8 to 11:30 a.m. Monday through Friday
- Freedom Center Food Pantry, 1110 S. Oneida St., 920-412-7582; Open 10:45 a.m. to noon on Wednesdays for 65 years old and older and 3:45 to 5:45 p.m. on Wednesdays for everyone else
- Apostolic Truth Church Storehouse, 2720 Kesting Court, 920-378-3763; Open 6:30 to 8 p.m. on Tuesdays
- Loaves & Fishes of the Fox Valley, 213 E. Wisconsin Ave., Appleton, 920-205-6900; Open from 5 to 6 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays

Which food pantries are in Menasha?

- Christ The Rock Community Church Pantry, W6254 U.S. 10-114, Menasha, 920-730-8383; open from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. and 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Tuesdays
- Cornerstone Church Fox Valley Food Pantry, 357 Broad St., Menasha, 920-725-7252; open 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. every first Saturday of the month
- Double Portion Food Pantry, 226 Washington St., Menasha, 920-725-5601; Open 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays
- St. Joseph’s Food Program, Inc., 1465 Opportunity Way, Menasha, 920-734-9461; Open 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Monday through Friday

Which food pantries are in Neenah?

- Vinnie’s Food Pantry, 1425 S.

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Family of former Packers exec works to get him into Pro Football HOF

Richard Ryman Green Bay Press-Gazette | USA TODAY NETWORK – WISCONSIN

Jack Vainisi occupies a warm spot in the hearts of Packers fans, but outside Green Bay, the former team executive is little known, which is just one of the obstacles to selection to the Pro Football Hall of Fame. • His brother, Sam, who is 94, and Jack’s daughter, Valerie Huser, are leading an effort to get him into the hall. Both agree, it will be a hard task. • “My dream is to see his daughter giving his address in Canton,” Sam Vainisi said.

During Jack’s tenure in Green Bay, the Packers drafted nine future Pro Football Hall of Fame players, signed or acquired three others, and added Hall of Fame coach Vince Lombardi. The coach and those players were the core of a team that dominated the 1960s, winning five NFL championships and two Super Bowls.

But Jack died young, in 1960 at age 33 from a heart attack, and his role with the Packers is clouded in semantics. He was variously referred to as scout, personnel director and business manager. He was never officially the general manager, but how many duties of a general manager did he do? He rarely ever drafted players himself, but how responsible was he for the decisions of those who did? He gathered detailed scouting reports from his vast network of coaches and friends, but how much scouting did he do personally?

“Jack Vainisi did his job extremely well, and especially for an organization that had very few funds,” said Packers historian Cliff Christl. “They had some great drafts in the 1950s. You have to weigh that on one hand, and on the other side, Jack admitted he didn’t do much scouting. Our scouting reports reflect that. And he didn’t call the shots in the draft. (Press-Gazette reporter) Art Daley, who was unbelievably detailed in his reporting, noted that in a story and also told me that.

“His strength was his organizational ability and organizing it so the coaches could make the draft, which

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Sam Vainisi stands in front of a Wall of Fame he made for his brother, former Green Bay Packers executive Jack Vainisi, at his office on May 8 near Denmark. PHOTOS BY SARAH KLOEPPING /USA TODAY NETWORK-WISCONSIN



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