

# Nisa: Warrenton woman earns citizenship

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rants.

While shopping at a second-hand store, Nisa bumped into Fuhrmann and learned that she was having health problems and had recently closed her little Korean restaurant.

Blue Ocean was having issues, too. The new owner couldn't seem to keep employees and Lindquist had moved on to open two restaurants in Seattle.

Bill and Nisa initially leased



Courtesy Bill Blackler

Nisa Blackler with the late Kim Fuhrmann.

the Kim's Kitchen building in 2014, converting it to a Thai restaurant. Nisa con-

vinced Lindquist, whom she refers to as "mom," to return and help.

"She doesn't work for us. She works with us," Bill said. "We're all team members."

The partnership has been successful. They purchased the building in 2016

and many nights the restaurant's parking lot and tables are filled to capacity.

A true American success story, perhaps. With one part missing: citizenship.

Bill did not prompt his wife to become a citizen.

"It was her deal. I couldn't even tell you why she wanted to do it until listening to her just now," he said.

But he was impressed with her determination and posted photos of the citizenship ceremonies on Facebook. The response was overwhelming.

"I feel even more proud now," Nisa said. "So many people said very nice things and that they were proud of

me. I never thought what I did would bring that reaction."

And, of course, she knows much more about the United States than ever before. In addition to writing, speaking and reading English proficiently as required, Nisa studied the 100 civics questions that applying residents might be asked before immigration officials approve citizenship.

So how many amendments to the Constitution have there been? "Twenty-seven."

"She says 27," Bill sighed. "I have to go with that because I don't know."



Courtesy Bill Blackler

Nisa and Bill Blackler in Thailand.

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ron conducted the training with assistance from the U.S. Air Force Reserve's 304th Rescue Squadron from the Portland Air National Guard Base.

The 116th Air Control Squadron based at Camp Rilea in Warrenton is one of four groups assigned to the 142nd Fighter Wing.

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