



Sweet Street Food Cart

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Kee's #Loaded Kitchen Cooks up Soul

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for three years and in her present location for the past two years.

As she spun around the food cart's small kitchen, which has bench seating outside, she quickly chopped up a half dozen onions before stirring a big pot with what will become the cheese sauce for the mac and cheese. She does have one daily staple, serving fried chicken every day.

Nelson said she learned a few things about cooking from her mother – like how to chop up an onion really fast -- but most of what she learned came from the many cookbooks she perused, long before the Internet.

"I didn't just read the recipes, I read the fine print," she said, adding that she learns better by reading rather than watching someone else prepare a dish.

Most of her business comes from people who find her online, Nelson said, through her Facebook page, Kee's #Loaded Kitchen, or on Instagram at KeesLoadedKitchen.

Kee's #Loaded Kitchen was named Best Food Cart by Willamette Week in 2018, and this year came out on top in the newspaper's Best of Portland Reader's Poll. The food cart has mostly five stars on Yelp, with comments similar to this ecstatic review: "We have been to Kee's Loaded



PHOTO BY BEVERLY CORBELL/THE PORTLAND OBSERVER
Kiauna Nelson, owner of Kee's #Loaded Kitchen, stirs a big pot of cheese sauce for her signature mac and cheese. The food cart is a Portland destination for good eats, known for its mouthwatering soul food and servings big enough for leftovers or sharing with friends.

Kitchen a few times. Every time the food and the service hits it out the park. The meat is cooked perfect, the sides are delicious and the dessert is always bomb. Her portions are huge. You could share, but nah..."

When asked about people who

only eat small portions, Nelson joked, "Maybe this isn't the place for you!" But customers can always ask for to-go containers, she said, and perhaps only half kidding, added, "Smoke a lot of weed before you come, and then you'll be hungry enough to finish it!"

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