

Cedar Key fireworks light up the Fourth of July sky



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CEDAR KEY -- Cedar Key has long been known for its fiery sunsets and its mouth-



watering seafood, but few places on Earth can match the atmospherics of the island city on the Fourth of July.

This moment of fireworks fun is just one glimpse of a great night of fireworks in Cedar Key on The Fourth Of July. Photo by Senior Reporter Terry Witt

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As darkness approached Tuesday night (July 4), the bustling crowd along Dock Street was eager to find the best spot to see the spectacular fireworks display over the Gulf of Mexico.

It was worth waiting for.

The sky exploded in color as the Cedar Key

Fire Department began launching fireworks from a barge. Patriotic music played in the background at a local restaurant as the sky was lit with the sparkling, colorful pyrotechnics.

It was difficult to imagine a better way to celebrate the Fourth of July other than to be seated or standing along Dock Street. In some cases, people stood on second story balconies of restaurants to watch the fireworks.

Several boats parked a safe distance from the barge apparently to get an up-close and personal view of the show.

Restaurants were busy before the big show started.

It would be difficult to estimate the size of the crowd, but a safe guess is that thousands of people saw the fireworks show.

The senior reporter for HardisonInk.com drove back to Chiefland and handled a few errands at a local store before heading back to his home in Bronson.

As he reached the stop light at U.S. Highway 19 and State Road 345, a long line of



headlights was still coming from Cedar Key and heading back to Gainesville.

The weather was perfect. The night was magical on the Gulf of Mexico, and more than likely, a good time was had by all in Cedar Key during the Fourth of July.

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