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**Matthew McConaughey  
Receives Original  
High School Diploma**

Actor Matthew McConaughey received his high school diploma, more than 30 years after graduating. McConaughey was given his original diploma Friday night when he returned to his alma mater to address the class of 2019. A Longview High School spokeswoman said graduates normally receive diploma holders during commencement ceremonies and that the actual diplomas must be picked up later.

— The Associated Press

**Backstage Pass**

INSIGHTS ON STAGE, SCREEN AND BEYOND

**Linda Eder  
Gives Her Fans  
Elegant Evening  
At The Sharon**

By KRISTEN FIORE | Daily Sun Senior Writer

Linda Eder filled the stage with Broadway magic and a bit of her own charm Tuesday night during her show at the Sharon L. Morse Performing Arts Center. The esteemed vocalist, known for playing Lucy in Broadway's original production of "Jekyll & Hyde" and going on to produce 18 albums of her own, performed an elegant and intimate concert.

"Well, my name is Linda Eder and I'm a singer," Eder joked at the beginning of the show. "I'm really glad to be back here because I think I want to live here one day."

A lot of Eder's performance was made up of songs from her most recent album, "If You See Me."

She filled The Sharon with songs like "Before the Parade Passes By," "This Can't Be Love," "The Music That Makes Me Dance" and "Bring Him Home."

Eder, who performed with a six-piece band, is a vocalist with great range and an other-worldly voice. Tami Campbell, of the Village of Orange Blossom Gardens, came to the concert with her friend Robbie Wessels, of Summerfield, and said she

had to get tickets to the show as soon as she found out Eder was coming to The Villages.

"I really like her music," Campbell said. "I've been listening to her almost my entire life. She has a pretty voice, and I'm delighted to be here."

Eder's show was mostly about the music, but she did have a friendly rapport with the audience.

"I could've been a trucker. I love to drive," she said. "I don't like to fly. Boy, was I stupid when I picked this career."

Eder told a story about how she recently drove to Kentucky for a show, and then had to fly. At the airport, she found out her license was expired.

She went to the DMV, waited in the long line, finally got to



Hannah Ridings | Daily Sun  
Linda Eder, acclaimed vocalist and recording artist, performs Tuesday at The Sharon.

the front of the line and then the building had to be evacuated because of a gas leak.

So she had to get back in the long line, and when she finally got to the front, she found out her license was suspended because of an unpaid ticket, and it had been suspended since 2014.

She then sang the song "Smile," joking it went with how

she felt at the time.

Dick Bergmann, of the Village of Tamarind Grove, saw Eder's show with Emily and Mike Dorman, of the Village of Poinciana last time she came to The Villages and enjoyed it immensely.

"She has a unique voice," Bergmann said.

"Mike is a big fan of Eder's. 'Honestly, if she was on one side of the street and Streisand was on the other, I'd go to Linda Eder every time,'" Mike said.

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