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WHEN KATIE COLBERT moved back to her native Madison from San Francisco, she missed having dinner with her in-laws and trading recipes afterward. Like most families, food brought hers together, and she didn't want to lose that connection—not to mention those great recipes. So, Colbert got a team of talented women together and out of her Madison home launched **sharecipe.com**, a website where people can share their recipes and their lives.

A virtual recipe box and social networking site wrapped into one, sharecipe allows users to create a profile where they can designate a signature recipe, share other favorites and post cooking tips. A “food for thought” box can be updated to let your friends know what you're cooking or what's cooking in your life.

“It is absolutely a site for the everyday cook,” says Colbert, adding that she wants sharecipe to appeal to everyone from kitchen novices to gourmet cooks to the tech-phobic. Her ultimate goal was to “make the site so easy my mom could use it—and she does!”

The site has privacy settings, so you can keep your winning cookie recipe a secret but share your everyday pilaf. Lower your settings and you'll get a bigger stream of recipes and tips from your network.

More than just a platform for exchanging ideas, sharecipe.com streamlines your cooking routine, too. Flag your favorite recipes or the ones you'd like to try next, and they're available at the click of a mouse. Forgot your grocery list? Pull over in aisle eight, whip out your Blackberry, and dinner is saved.

// ALEXANDRA GRAVES

Dining Out

LAZ BISTRO & BAR | Kansas City-style BBQ ribs, seafood, sandwiches, and salads all in a comfortable, upscale setting. 419 E. Main St., Stoughton. 873-3808.
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LAZY JANE'S CAFÉ & BAKERY | Creative soups like ginger-carrot and sandwiches like grilled Havarti with avocado in an eclectic, relaxing setting. Also homemade scones and cookies. Very kid-friendly. 1358 Williamson St. 257-5263. ☼☼☼☼☼

☑ **LE CHARDONNAY** | Classic French and Mediterranean cuisine featuring homemade traditional specialties and seafood dishes in a European bistro atmosphere just off of State St. Moules et frites from 5 p.m.–11 p.m. every Tuesday and paella on Wednesdays. 75 wines available. 320 W. Johnson St. 268-0372. ☼☼☼☼☼

☑ **L'ÉTOILE** | Elegant new American Midwest seasonal menu with a French influence, using local meats and organic produce. 25 N. Pinckney St. 251-0500.
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☑ **LILIANA'S RESTAURANT** | An elegant restaurant in the style of New Orleans' French Quarter. Menu changes often to take advantage of locally available seasonal produce. 2951 Triverton Pike Dr., Fitchburg. 442-4444.
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THE LOCAL TAVERN | Enjoy down-home favorites or the “Local Hero” steak sandwich in a casual tavern setting. Vegetarian selections available. 102 King St. 287-1455.
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☑ **LOMBARDINO'S** | One of Madison's oldest restaurants serving top-notch authentic Italian cuisine in a friendly neighborhood space. Try the pizza Lombardino (prosciutto on thin and chewy crust). 2500 University Ave. 238-1922. ☼☼☼☼☼☼

☑ **LOUISIANNE'S ETC.** | New Orleans Creole cuisine in a homey yet elegant atmosphere. 7464 Hubbard Ave., Middleton. 831-1929. ☼☼☼☼☼

LUCKY'S BAR & GRILLE | Burgers, bar food, Friday fish fry and nightly specials. Fifty TVs and 16-foot shuffleboard across from Camp Randall. 1421 Regent St. 250-8989.
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☑ **LULU'S RESTAURANT** | Arabic and Middle Eastern cuisine, serving grilled beef, lamb and chicken kabobs, couscous and vegetarian specialties. 2524 University Ave. 233-2172. ☼☼☼☼☼

MA-CHA TEAHOUSE+GALLERY | Try a nutrient-rich green-tea Ma-Cha latte or iced tea brewed under the summer sun in any of the gallery's 3 unique tea rooms. 1934 Monroe St. 442-0500. ☼☼☼☼☼

MADELEINE'S PATISSERIE | Neighborhood bakery featuring chocolates, breads and croissants made daily. Try the lunch menu. 3742 Speedway Rd. 441-0909.
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MAD CITY CRAB HOUSE | Enjoy fresh fish, seafood and all types of crab in this fun and casual family-friendly restaurant. 122 State St. 310-6933. ☼☼☼☼☼☼☼

☑ **MADISONS DOWNTOWN** | Everything from pasta to steaks to sandwiches in a warm, classy setting. 119 King St. 229-0900. ☼☼☼☼☼☼

☑ **RESTAURANT MAGNUS** | Specializing in steaks and fresh seafood with a large tapas menu. Wine-by-the-glass list. 120 wines. Live jazz nightly. 120 E. Wilson St. 258-8787. ☼☼☼☼☼☼☼

☑ **MAHARAJA** | Favorite Indian entrées, with a delicious all-you-can-eat lunch buffet for \$7.95 weekdays, \$8.95 weekends. 6713 Odana Rd. 833-1824. 1707 Thierer Rd. 246-8525. ☼☼☼☼☼☼

MAHARANI INDIAN RESTAURANT | Family-owned, serving traditional Indian cuisine seven days a week. Located in upscale Metropolitan Place. 380 W. Washington Ave. 251-9999. ☼☼☼☼☼☼☼

MANNA CAFÉ & BAKERY | Gourmet breakfast and lunch, including quiches, sandwiches, soups, salads and sticky buns. 611 N. Sherman Ave. 663-5500. ☼☼☼☼☼☼☼

MAPLE TREE | Family-owned steak and seafood restaurant. Nightly specials. Sunday breakfast. Smoking in bar only. 6010 Hwy. 51, McFarland. 838-5888. ☼☼☼☼☼☼☼

MARIA'S PIZZA | Classic Italian such as homemade lasagna and spaghetti, outstanding pizza. 134 S. Main St., Oregon. 835-5455. ☼☼☼☼☼☼

☑ **MARIGOLD KITCHEN** | Unique and varied menu of quiches and other fresh breakfast items along with soups, sandwiches, and imaginative salads in an upbeat, urban setting. Saturday brunch. 118 S. Pinckney St. 661-5559.
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☑ **THE MARINER'S INN** | Serving steaks and seafood on the waterfront for over forty years. Outdoor dining with a view of Lake Mendota. Private dining room available for parties. Locally owned and family operated 5339 Light-house Bay Dr. 246-3120. ☼☼☼☼☼☼☼☼☼☼☼