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GET WILD FOR BOWLING

For most students, senior year is about finishing strong, but at Marian, it's never too late to try something new. That mindset rings true for senior Zella**Dowling26**, a first-year member of the bowling team.

Dowling explained that she began bowling for fun with friends last year and discovered a talent for the sport. "It's something I always wanted to do, but I never got around to trying out," she said. Entering her senior year, she was determined to check it off her list.

Despite having only one year left of high school, Dowling had no hesitations about trying out for the team. "Especially as a senior, I don't think you should stay in your comfort zone," Dowling said. "Even if it's something as random as bowling, it could be so much fun, and you never know how much you'll like it."

One of Dowling's favorite parts of joining the team has been the friendships she's formed. "It has been super fun to get to know all the girls better and grow close with them," she said. She added that the age difference between her and some teammates hasn't affected her experience. "I kind of think of it as we're all the same grade, like we're just one little community."

For any girl considering trying something new, Dowling has simple advice: "Just go for it, because you never know. I mean, why not?"

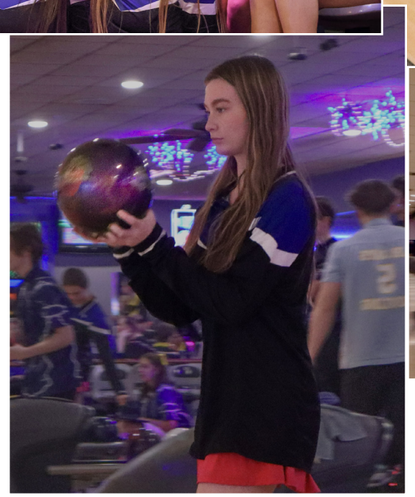
As her senior year comes to a close, Dowling's decision to join the bowling team stands as a reminder that it's never too late to take a chance. What started as a hobby has turned into a meaningful experience filled with friendships and memories she'll carry beyond Marian.

Maelee**Smith27** holds her ball as she prepares to roll on Jan 21. The team versed Elkhorn South and beat them 14-7. One of the team's rituals is "...before we start we say a prayer and things like or things like 'no pin left behind" said Smith.

Maggie**Arbatitis27**

Let the Good Times Roll The Junior Varsity team poses for a photo at Mockingbird Lanes on Dec.17. The team versed Westside where they defeated them 19-2.

Eye on the Ball Lillian**Bragg28** holds her ball as she prepares to release on Jan. 21. "My favorite part of match days is seeing my teammates and getting to just have a fun time doing what we love, bowling. I really also enjoy the fun environment and the enthusiasm that the coaches bring!" Bragg Said



Bowling Lingo

Strike: all pins down on first ball

Spare: all pins down in two

Turkey: three consecutive strikes

Split: gap left between pins

Spare: all pins down in two

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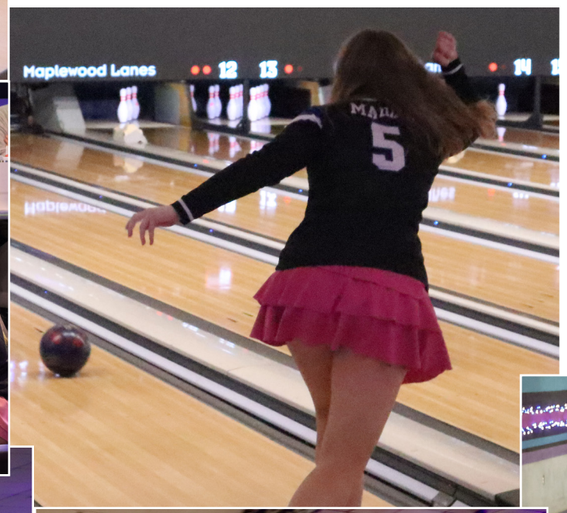
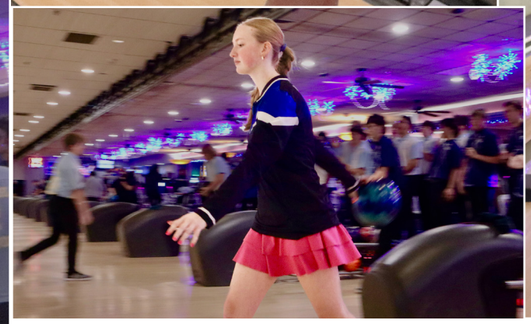


After release, Madison-**Schnell27** watches her ball roll. Schnell qualified as an individual for the state competition in Lincoln held on Feb 11-12....ADD STATS AFTER STATE. QUOTE FROM MADISON AFTER STATE

Madison Schnell27 qualified as an individual



KateLamme28 aproaches her lane and prepares to release on Jan 21.

Bowling Front Row: Lucy**Villier28**, Kate**Lamme28**, Madison-**Schnell27**, Maeve**McGill28**, Alexa**DeGeorge28** Back Row: Nora**Klein28**, McKenzie**Lieurance29**, Maggie**Arbataitis27**, Moira**Harr27**, Jill**McKee28**, Lilly**Bragg28**, Zella**Dowling26**. Coach Chris**Dziadus** and Ted**Baer**

Burke	W	19.5-1.5
Millard South	L	0-21
Central	W	19-2
Westside	W	19-2
Gretna	W	18-3
Millard North Invite		
Westside	L	0-3
Millard North	W	7-1
Millard South	L	1-7
Elkhorn South	L	2-6
Westview	L	9.5-11.5
Millard North	W	15-6
Buena Vista	W	20.5-0.5
Norfolk	L	8-13
Skutt Catholic	W	13-8
Elkhorn South	W	14-7
Papillion-La Vista	W	3-2
Fremont	L	0-3

Metro Tournoment		
Millard South	L	1-3
Buena Vista	W	8-0
Omaha North	W	7-1
Omaha South	W	3-2
Omaha South	W	8-0
Omaha Westview	W	3-1

Record: 15-8

Strike a Pose Maelee**Smith27**, Maggie**Arbatitis27**, Madison**Schnell27**, and Moira**Harr27** pose infront of their lane on Dec 9. These four juniors were part of the state qualifying team that competed on Feb. 11. "The Marian bowling team always makes having fun a priority and the team itself is a great community! Not a lot of other schools have the light-hearted attitude that we do and you can really see the difference that it makes" Harr said.

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