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Dane Pilon crosses the finish line after winning the wheelchair marathon. He has traveled the country participating in marathons over the last 10 years.

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The Fayetteville, N.C., native, who won his second consecutive Palm Beaches Marathon Festival in the wheelchair division, finishing in 1 hour, 12 minutes and 47 seconds, has participated in more than 30 marathons during the past 10 years, traveling around the country to compete.

"It's good exercise," said the 49-year-old. "It lifts my spirits." Michael Sprouse of Orlando placed second in the wheelchair event, followed by David Mayo of Pensacola. Peggy Sprouse, Michael's wife, won the women's wheelchair event.

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