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BLUFFTON, PAULDING EARN BASEBALL HONORS

Northwest Conference baseball coaches have selected Bluffton junior pitcher/infielder, **Nathan Cheney**, as the conference **Player of the Year**, and have also named Paulding coach **Mike Leach** as the **Coach of the Year**. Leach led the Panthers to an 8-1 record and a share of the NWC title with Bluffton and Lima Central Catholic who also finished 8-1 in conference play.

Cheney was 7-1 (5-0 in the NWC) for the Pirates with an ERA of 1.43. At the plate, Nathan hit .465 with 8 doubles, 1 triple, 1 home run and 22 RBI's. When not on the mound, he was a standout at both 3B and shortstop for the Pirates.

Cheney was joined on the NWC First Team by his Blutton teammate, Gabe Goldsberry, Aaron Swaney of Allen East, Kyle Balliett and Ian Zollars of Crestview, Mike Snider of LCC, Justin Riley of Paulding, Tyler Dietering of Spencerville and Craig Carder of Delphos Jefferson.

