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**WE-KO-PA CASINO NAMED BEST CASINO IN *PHOENIX* MAGAZINE 23<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL  
“BEST OF THE VALLEY” ISSUE**

**FORT McDOWELL, Ariz. – July 15, 2021** – When *PHOENIX* Magazine revealed their much anticipated “Best of the Valley” awards in their July/August 2021 issue, the [We-Ko-Pa Casino Resort](http://www.wekopacasinoresort.com) was named “Best Casino” in the popular Reader’s Choice section.

Dubbed “our most massive BOV ever” by editor Craig Outhier, the 264-page issue recognizes “511 of the Valley’s most laudable people, places and things” in categories ranging from *Food & Drink* and *Shopping & Services* to *People & Media* and *Lifestyle & Entertainment*. The magazine achieved a new record number of Best of the Valley nominations this year, recording 246,417 total votes in its 23<sup>rd</sup> annual BOV issue.

The We-Ko-Pa Casino Resort received its recognition in the popular “Readers’ Picks 2021” section, determined by online voting in 186 categories from May 1-21, 2021. The casino resort topped the *Lifestyle & Entertainment* category, followed seven winners later by We-Ko-Pa Golf Club, another enterprise of the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation, as “Best Golf Course.”

“That the nearly 400,000 *PHOENIX* Magazine readers voted us ‘Best Casino’ means a lot to all of us at the We-Ko-Pa Casino Resort and Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation,” said Craig Benell, Marketing Director. “These are the people who play at our slot machines and tables, dine in our restaurants, listen to our live music and stay at our AAA Four Diamond hotel. We appreciate their patronage and look forward to welcoming them back again in the future.”

For more information on the We-Ko-Pa Casino Resort, visit [www.wekopacasinoresort.com](http://www.wekopacasinoresort.com).

**About We-Ko-Pa Casino Resort**

Owned and operated by the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation, the spectacular new 166,341-square-foot We-Ko-Pa Casino Resort boasts state-of-the-art gaming, a variety of specialty fine and casual dining restaurants, and live entertainment. The attached AAA Four Diamond hotel offers 246 luxurious guestrooms and suites; 25,000 square feet of meeting space; and two resort-style outdoor pools.

The new casino resort’s proximity to the two highly acclaimed courses at We-Ko-Pa Golf Club and numerous outdoor activities at Fort McDowell Adventures make it the ideal destination for a vacation, business function or special event.

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