

Located in the heart of Vermilion Parish on the lush lowlands of Southwest Louisiana, the city and people of Kaplan characterize the best qualities of both a proud Acadian heritage and a progressive-minded community of more than 5,000 residents.

Kaplan was named for its founder, Mr. Abrom Kaplan, and was incorporated just after the turn of the century in October, 1902. The language spoken by the people was French because most of them were descendants of the Acadians.

The first settlers raised corn, cotton, sugar cane, cattle, peas, watermelon and rice. The rice was planted in low places and farmers depended on rain for irrigation.

Today it is a pivotal location guiding people east and west on LA 14, north to the interstate on LA 35 and south to the Gulf of Mexico along the same route. The wide variety of activity and attractions found in this area have made Kaplan one of South Louisiana's most unique cities.

Being the "gateway to the wetlands," Kaplan offers excellent hunting, fishing, crabbing and shrimping only minutes away for lovers of the outdoors.

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