

#12 Riegsecker Marketplace

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"I am extremely proud of the work and craftsmanship our team has put in place in Shipshewana, and of course you can't think of downtown Shipshewana without thinking of the Blue Gate. Mel Riegsecker has been a great reference for us time and time again. It means a lot to me that the Riegseckers continue to turn to us when planning and building their most important projects."

--Bob Schrock, CEO
DJ Construction

History:

- The business relationship between DJ Construction and Riegsecker Marketplace began in 1996 when DJ was hired as the general contractor for a new 14,700 sq. ft. building, originally called The Farmhouse. The wood-framed, vinyl-clad building was an attractive addition to downtown Shipshewana. Known today as Shipshewana Furniture Co., the store features three floors of furnishings, cabinetry, clocks and other collectibles.
- That experience led Mel Riegsecker and his family to DJ again when it came time to plan and build their centerpiece project, the beautiful Blue Gate Restaurant, Bakery and Theater. DJ was asked to lead this 47,000 sq. ft. project with their DesignBuild approach. The nine dining areas, seating up to 1,200 people, opened for business in July 2001.
- In 2003, DJ was back at the Blue Gate to complete the second floor theater. The theater project included a stage, backstage corridor, restrooms, and seating for over 300 guests. The tiered seating and intimate setting has become a popular venue for a variety of shows featuring some of the biggest names in both Christian and Country music.

