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Minn. Smoker Putting Diseased Lungs on Display

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John Weber of Long Prairie, Minn., wants to show what 49 years of smoking has done to his lungs, so he's displaying a chest scan of his inoperable lung tumor on T-shirts and billboards, the [Associated Press](#) reported Oct. 26.

Weber, 60, says he started smoking Lucky Strikes cigarettes at age 11 after seeing an ad for the brand while watching "The Hit Parade."

Now, he wants to prevent others from suffering from the lung cancer that resulted from his many years of smoking. Weber plans to spread the word about the health consequences of smoking through talks in schools and by graphically and publicly displaying the image of his lung scan.

During school presentations, Weber talks to students about his radiation treatment. "I say, 'Do you know what treatment's like? Boil a cup of water and drink it.'"

Weber added, "I tell them two reasons not to smoke. Number 1, you're important. And Number 2, the tobacco companies are messing with you."

Dawn Burma, a health consultant for the Kimball School District, said Weber's first-hand experience with lung cancer gives students a more realistic idea of the dangers of smoking.

"We do a lot of educating kids about the dangers of using tobacco, but what's missing is the ability for kids to personalize it and make it more real for them," Burma said. "At that age, they still think they are invincible."

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